

**W. M. F.
HISTORICAL ALBUM**

First Lutheran Church

8217 N. Foss Ave,
Portland, 3, Oregon
Feb. 5, 1953.

Mrs. Ed. Hanson
1165 Grand
Astoria, Oregon.

Dear Mrs. Hanson,

The Columbia Circuit Board held its meeting last week and recommended that each Historian send me a copy of the sheet which was in your Annual Church Report, if your church has one, (usually written by Aid president) if not write an article summing up years work, stressing spiritual tone of meetings. Type this on one side of paper size $8\frac{1}{2}$ by 11 inches. Also send pictures of your church, pastor and wives or any other pictures of interest.

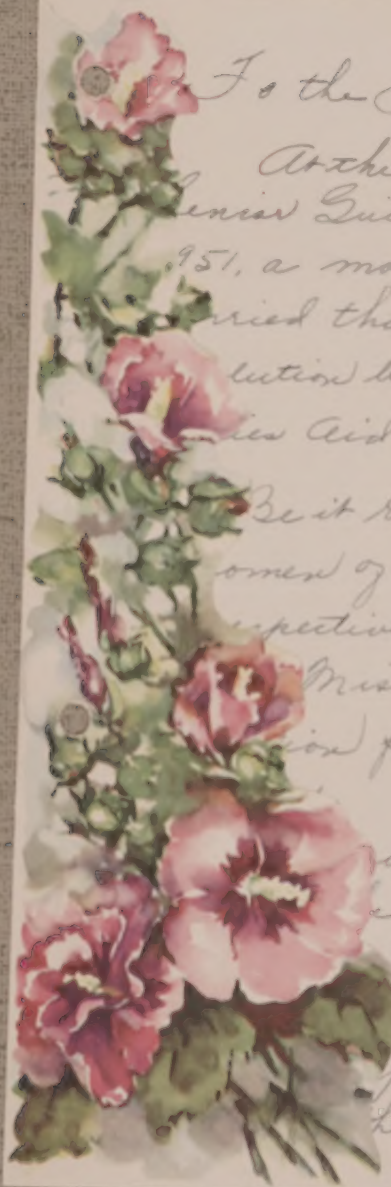
Inclosing "What to Include in Local Society History" please keep this copy in your local album.

Your Circuit Historian,
Mrs. Vance Cummins

WHAT TO INCLUDE IN LOCAL SOCIETY HISTORY

1. Name of society, pastor, city, circuit, district.
2. Date of organization; place; organizer.
3. Aim of society.
4. Charter members (also pictures of each or the group)
5. Original constitution and amendments.
6. Early officers with pictures.
7. Picture of your church and pictures of all the pastors and wives who have served the congregation.
8. Have a complete membership list.
9. Life Membership list.
10. In Memoriam names.
11. Pictures of officers from year to year and group picture of society.
12. Cradle roll - number enrolled and names.
13. What you study at meetings (Bible study-WMF topic-Book reviews)
14. Missionary feature - clippings and pictures of different missionaries who have visited you. Picture of Bible woman you support.
15. Difficulties encountered; Means of transportation; dues; methods of making money; nature of food served; special social customs; sketches of early members; dress; and other interests connected with society.
16. Keep your history up to date by adding a new chapter at the end of each year; then in December 1959.
17. Make four copies of your local history (summary of last ten years) typed on one side of paper size 8½ by 11 inches.
 1. Send one copy to General Historian.
 - " " " " District Historian.
 - " " " " Circuit Historian.Keep one copy in your local album.
18. Signature of local historian.





To the Ladies Aid -

At the meeting of the
Senior Guild held on May 2,

1951, a motion was made and

carried that the following

resolution be presented to the

Ladies Aid and Alderbrook Guild.

Be it resolved that we,

women of the church, combine

respective societies into one

Missionary Federation

for the following

purpose to promote and stimulate

the great mission of the

to disseminate knowledge

prayerfully and

the activities of The

Evangelical Lutheran Church, with special emphasis upon its missionary program.

3. To support the local congregation and its activities "

We recommend that if this resolution be accepted, a meeting be held to discuss combining our respective societies and forming one strong Women's Missionary Federation).

Respectfully submitted,

Senior Guild

Charter Members

Mrs. ^{John} Ann Peterson 1534 Leif Erickson Dr.
 Jacobus Andersen 2455 Canal St.
 Mrs. C. Phillip Everett - 655-5th 2949R.
 Mrs. Gjanne Thomassen 1713 Harrison Drive
 Mrs. Phemungien 1421 Franklin Ave
 Mrs. Art Goldie 1271 Grand Ave
 Miss Jessie Miller 681 Exchange
 Miss Frances Gustafson 400-18th Street
 Miss Emma S. Nielsen 1822 Duane
 Mrs. John Persen 377-34 St
 Mrs. Andrew Pederson 1620 Harrison
 Mrs. L. Ness 1791 Irving
 Mrs. C. Liverson 2217 L.E. Drive 11684L
 Mrs. R. Johnson 594 Parkway 1709J.
 Mrs. A. Rasmussen 239-39 St 1538V.
 Mrs. Carl Kvistad 1893 Franklin 17484
 Mrs. David Zeller ✓ 374-35th 28315.
 Mrs. A. Storaasli 417-29th 4982
 Mrs. Andrew Nygaard 1953 Franklin 1435
 Mrs. Myron Due 1965 Franklin 2734-R
 Mrs. ⁷ Edna Christensen 1720 Irving 2837Y
 Mrs. E. Peterson 1812 Harrison 1565R
 Mrs. Walter Kelso 1195 Grand
 Mrs. (Jenn) Margaret Lurich 346-34th 2276J

Mrs W. ^{Acc-} Englund. 1919 Franklin
 Mrs. ^{Frank} Grace Johnson (Frank) 255-39th
 Mrs. ^{Fred} Mildred Hjorten (Fred) 121-46th
 Mrs. ^{Robert} Bernice Paschall (Robert) 177-37th
 (Mrs) Olga Henningsen 258-33rd St.
 Mrs. O. W. Rasmussen 383-31st St.
 30 Mrs. A. Røstad 1919 Franklin
 Mrs. ^{Fred} Betty Stangland 1781 Ordway
 Mrs. ^{Eric} Lenore Hauke 278-39th St. 1576-R
 Mrs. ^{Allen} Lois Ahola RT 1 Box 993
 Mrs. ^{Emil} Anne Rasmussen 248-38th
 Mrs. ^{Emil} August Anderson 1846 Franklin Ave
 Mrs. Ed Hjorten 2234 Cornell St.
 37 Mrs. ^{Samuel} Lenore Altheide -
 Mrs. August Ness 274-39th St.
 Mrs. Eily Forness- 54-Altadena - Tel 2139
 Mrs. Steen Alsos
 Mrs. Thorevald Lovvold
 47 Mrs. ^{Paul} Jalma Wahl
 — Mrs. ^{P. Sagat}
 Mrs. A. Bernhoff
 Mrs. Blomico Muller -
 Moon -
 Clair Johnson
 Wood -

On Tuesday, May 22, 1934, Mrs. J. Henningson invited the officers of the Ladies' Aid, the Senior Guild and the Alderbrook Guild to her home, to arrange for a meeting of all the women of the church, with the purpose of organizing a Women's Red Missionary Federation Organization.

At this meeting the following resolutions were made and passed:

1. To have this meeting at the church on Wednesday, June 20, 1934, at 7:30 P.M.
2. To have Mrs. J. Henningson and Mrs. C. Grausmann act as president and secretary pro tem, respectively, at this first meeting.
3. To send invitations to all women of the church who are not affiliated with any church group, and to contact all members of the three organizations.
4. To worship with an offering at this meeting.
5. To put an announcement of this meeting in the Astorian and also to have it announced over the radio.
6. To serve refreshments provided by the officers, at the first two meetings, limited to coffee and two items of food.

For June; Mrs. A. Kvistad and C. Grausmann, L.A.

Mrs. J. Henningson and F. Johnson, Sr. G.

Mrs. K. Varner and F. Hjorten, A.G.

For July; Mrs. C. Siverson and H. Storaasli, L.A.

Mrs. J. Lervick and Miss F. Gustafson, Sr. G.

Mrs. L. Altheide and R. Paschel, A.G.

7. To have Rev. Storaasli arrange a short program for the first meeting.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND IN MEMORIUM DEPARTMENT

1. Opening Prayer: "A. Ladies' Aid Prayer for Vision" Inga Gilson Caldwell.
(January 1952 - News Bulletin)
2. What Life Membership and In Memorium is:
 - A. It is a gift of \$10.00 for
 - a. Each in Memoriam
 - b. Each Life membership.
 - B. It is our "plus giving." is not included in the budget of the church
3. Why given or presented:
 - A. In Memoriam:
 - a. As a tribute to the dead
 - b. In place of flowers.
 - c. To help comfort the bereaved family.
 - B. Life Memberships:
 - a. "Honor to whom honor is due"
Charter members, older members, outstanding workers, shut-ins
 - b. As a gift from an individual to - Beloved mother or friend.
4. How gifts are used: To spread the Gospel.
 - A. Projects chosen at General Convention.
(Read suggested projects for 1953 and 1954 in June News Bulletin.)
 - B. Display projects well and explain each project.
 - a. Lutheran World Action ---\$5000.00 apportioned.
Work in European and Asiatic countries.
 - b. Educational Projects -- \$14,5000.00 apportioned.
Loans and scholarships for students in church schools.
Special gifts for colleges and academies.
Student Service Commission work.
Deaconess Work.
 - c. Foreign Mission Projects \$20,000.00 apportioned.
Hospital and New Settlements for Madagascar - \$7,000.00
Agricultural and Industrial work in S. Africa \$5000.00
Literature for China and S. America \$4000.00
Car for Missionaries in Japan \$2000.00
Visual Aids \$1,000.00
Refrigerators for Hospitals and Missions \$1,000.00
 - d. Home Mission Projects --- \$11100.00 apportioned.
Children's and Old People's Homes \$4000.00
For special emergencies for active and needy Pastors \$3000.00
Gifts for those under old pension plan \$1000.00
Jewish Mission Work \$1000 - Ephphtha Mission \$500.00
W.M.F. Bible Fund \$500.00 American Bible Society \$100.00
Book Mission \$1000.00
 - C. Church Extension Work; Largest portion \$10,000.00
 - D. W.M.F. Extension Work \$3000.00
5. Secretary's Work
 - Attend meetings and keep neat, detailed notebook and file.
 - Tell about the department often.
 - Pray for the work of the W.M.F. and that all may acquire that "Wider Vision"
6. Closing: Questions: Read portions of "The Best Gift" by Mrs. Ramstad.
Repeat prayer for Vision again.

Mrs. Oscar W. ...
Columbia Circuit Secretary
Life Membership and In Memoriams

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
Women's Missionary Federation

Article I--Name

The name of this society shall be: The Women's Missionary Federation of The First Lutheran Church, of Astoria, Oregon.

Article II--Purpose

The purpose of this Women's Missionary Federation shall be:

1. To inspire in the individual women a deeper consecration to her work.
2. To provide and stimulate here for the growth of the Church among all nations disciples of Jesus Christ.
3. To disseminate knowledge of missions in general, and of The First Lutheran Church in particular.
4. To aid financially the missionary activities of The First Lutheran Church through the various church boards, and to help carry financial burdens of our congregation.
5. To unite all women's activities within The First Lutheran Church in harmonious cooperation for the mission, the church work, and the welfare of our church, and to assist its local congregation in all activities and projects.
6. To organize missionary societies and women's benevolent societies wherever practicable.

Article III--Membership

The active members of this society shall consist of those women who desire to cooperate with The First Lutheran Church congregation in the work of advancing the Kingdom of God.

Article IV--Officers and Their Election

Section 1

The officers shall be a president, one or more vice-presidents, a circulating secretary, and a treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the society in the manner prescribed in the By-Laws.

Section 2

Any person holding office in this society or sub-division (circle) of same shall be a member of the above-named congregation.

Article V--Executive Board

Section 1

The elected officers of this society shall constitute an executive board which shall transact routine business, act in matters requiring immediate attention, meet at regular intervals in formalized sessions and plan for recommendations to the society and shall report to the society.

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Article VI--Amendments

Any article of this constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that the proposed amendment has been presented in writing at a previous regular meeting.

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BY-LAWS

Article 1--Meetings

Section 1

The regular meeting of this society shall be held on the third (3rd) Wednesday at 8:00 P. M. unless otherwise ordered by the society.

Section 2

All meetings shall include a Bible study and a brief presentation of the WMF department emphasized that month.

Section 3

The annual meeting shall be held in November, at which time full reports of the year's work shall be presented, and the election of officers for the ensuing year shall take place.

Section 4

One-third of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article 11--Contributions

Section 1

One free offering offering shall be received at every regular meeting.

Section 2

The society is also expected to contribute annually an offering for Printing and Literature to the general Women's Missionary Federation. This society must pay the cost of printing and distribution of literature. The society is also expected to pay a designated fee to circuit and/or district if required by their constitutions.

Section 3

The society is expected to contribute annually to the equalization fund for the (\$) designated fee to the National convention.

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Article III--Duties of Officers
Section 1

The officers shall have general supervision of all the affairs of the society and shall work in cooperation with the pastor.

Section 2

The duties of the president shall be those generally assigned to that office (See page 25)

Section 3

The vice-president shall assist the president, and in her absence shall assume the duties of that office.

Section 4

The recording secretary shall:

1. Keep the minutes of the meetings of the society and of the executive board.
2. Keep a corrected membership list.
3. Prepare an annual report for the society.
4. Read and acknowledge all correspondence.
5. Read out notices of society meetings and executive board meetings.
6. When secretary is absent, the president shall appoint a secretary pro tem. to keep the minutes.

Section 5

The treasurer shall:

1. Keep accurate account of all offerings and money received and expended.
2. Make itemized monthly and annual reports to the society.
3. Send an offering for mission and literature accompanied by triplicate card to Treasurer's Office, 125 South Fourth Street, Minneapolis 15, Minnesota. The check should be made out to Treasurer of WMF.
4. Send money gifts (Box Work) directly to the institutions supported by our Church.
5. Send to the Treasurer's Office, 125 South Fourth St., Minneapolis 15, Minnesota, together with a WMF Remittance Blank, all contributions for the regular work of the Church, including;

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| a. Mission Box | c. Thank Offering |
| b. Self-Denial | d. Cradle Roll |
| e. Life Membership and In Memoriam | |

If a WMF Remittance Blank is not available, be sure to give district, circuit, pastor, congregation, name of society, and purpose for which the money is to be used, in order to get proper credit. State name and address to whom Cradle Roll certificates, Life Memberships, or In Memoriam are to be sent.

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6. Have annual report audited previous to the annual meeting by a committee elected by the society.

Section 6

Each elected officer and department secretary shall:

1. Keep a careful record of the work of her office in a book provided for the purpose by the local society.
2. Keep a file of correspondence, references, and reports. These record books and files shall be handed to the successor.

Article IV--Nominations and Elections

Section 1

The officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the society.

Section 2

A nominating committee of three (3) or more (4) members shall be elected at a meeting previous to the annual meeting. This committee shall present nominations for officers to be elected at the annual meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor. Candidates should be nominated before their names are placed on the ballot.

Section 3

There shall be only one candidate for an office, the recording secretary may be instructed to put the elective ballot for one candidate. (The recording vote by this procedure makes balloting necessary.)

Section 4

Officers shall be elected for a period of one year and may be eligible for one re-election.

Article V-- Department and Division Secretaries

Section 1

The officers of the society shall appoint department and division secretaries. The department secretary in each case may take care of the entire department where advisable.

1. Missions (takes charge of Foreign Missions and Mission Box)
 - A. Home Missions
2. Education (takes charge of Higher Education and the Thank Offering)
 - A. Christian Nurture
 - B. Cradle Roll
3. Quinquages (takes charge of all Box Work and Self-denial)

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4. Life Membership and In Memoriam

5. Promotion (has charge of Publications and all publicity work)
- A. Literature
 - B. Historian
 - C. Radio

Section 2

Department and Division secretaries shall be appointed for one year and may be eligible for one re-appointment.

Article VI--Amendments

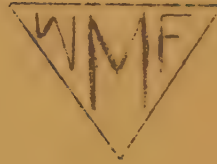
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First President" W. M. F. 1951



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Mrs. Olga Henningsen



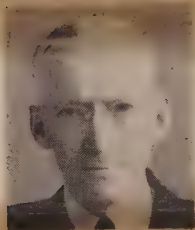
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ANNUAL FALL CONVENTION

Columbia 1952 Circuit



First Lutheran Church - Astoria Ore.



T. P. Neste

1906-1921



FOR COLLECTORS—This is the commemorative china plate to be sold by the First Lutheran Couples club at the bazaar Thursday and Friday. (A-B Photo)

Historic Church To Be Preserved On Picture Plate

One item that will be displayed at the all-church bazaar to be given by the women of the First Lutheran church Thursday and Friday is a plate.

Such an article, not usually found in the booths of a church bazaar, promises to be of interest to collectors of china, for it is a commemorative plate, with an artist's sketch of the little church, and a brief legend printed on the back of the plate.

The Couples club of the church thought of the idea and members of that organization will have the plates for sale, for the first time at the bazaar, and afterwards, as long as the shipment lasts, they explain.

Because of the fact that the historic edifice may be torn down after the new church the parish is building on 32d and Grand is completed, these plates will prove to be collector's items through the advancing years, the members believe.

The actual building that housed the oldest Lutheran church here is part of the present church, although it was moved from its original site, and enlarged. Early

records, written in Norwegian disclose that the first Lutheran missionary work began in Astoria in January 1877, by the Rev. Emil Christiansen.

The congregation was incorporated in 1884 as the first Norwegian Lutheran church, and the first church built in the early 1890's, on 29th and Grand, farther up the hill.

Later in 1902, the church was moved down to its present foundation, enlarged and remodeled, as it has been several times since, according to Mrs. Chris Ness, one of the few members of the church who can remember the early days of the church.

Some of the former pastors were the Revs. E. Hove, O. Holden, H. Sorensen, O. Ottesen, T. Neste, C. Losen, M. E. Christensen, son of the first pastor, and T. Gulhaugen. The Rev. H. Storaasli is the present pastor.

Lutheran Herald

The Pioneer Parsonage

Fernanda Urberg Malmin

The pioneer parsonage was more than a home; it was an institution. Within four low, narrow walls; unfinished ceiling; and, sometimes, even a dirt floor, there came to be developed a most remarkable unit. It was a community center, an educational center, the source of cultural values, an agency for social service, the library of the community—as well as a mecca of spiritual and physical healing.

Here the pastor and his wife directed all the varied phases of the remarkable institution, and, in addition, helped to orientate the “newcomer” to that particular community.

On the whole, the pastor's work was fairly well defined: his was spiritual. The pioneer pastor's wife, on the other hand, had a much varied field of activity and responsibility: she had to be something of an assistant Christian psychiatrist; she had her family to mold into a unit; she had to entertain guests in her home almost constantly. Today too big a family in too small a house causes frustration. In that simpler day the pioneer pastor's wife used the opportunity to invite all within her reach into the love of Christ by constantly and prayerfully nurturing “the fruits of the Spirit.”

At the same time as the pioneer pastor's wife had to direct the slow laundry process of hard knuckle-rubbing on the wash board and the patience-taxing ironing with the three old sad irons heating on the wood stove, she also had to be ready to lavish her hospitality upon the unexpected guest. Even for the baby, with those long, ruffy petticoats and dresses, the laundry was a chore—to say nothing of the pastor's stiff bosom shirts and cold-starched cuffs. And have you ever tried to iron a pastor's “preste-krave” (ruff)? That was a science in itself!

The problem of procuring food was a real one. My grandmoth-

er used to tell how it was for her and her family when they came to Dakota Territory in 1867, soon after the Civil War. It was at nightfall that the family came to the hut which was to be the “parsonage.” By then nothing remained in the family “larder” (a clean cotton sack) but a handful of corn. This she ground and cooked, and it was thankfully eaten. There was no reception committee on hand to greet this new pastor and his family!

On a similar subject, Linka Keyser Preus makes this comment in an entry in her diary written soon after she and her husband arrived in America (in 1851):

“We have bought a large, good-looking, red cow—my favorite color in cattle—for ten dollars. That is our first purchase of living equipment. I hope the next one will not be so old. Because it is my first cow, and because sister Agnes is very fond of cows, its name shall be ‘Agnes.’”*

It is true that the pioneer pastor's wife knew nothing about anechistamines or Vitamin B-12. But she did know about simple, natural foods, and—still more important—about the valuable composure and calmness of spirit which come from living close to God's good land and constantly thanking Him for His manifold blessings.

Case histories have not yet been written of the many emotionally disturbed who were helped through the guidance of the pioneer pastor's wife. Much could be written on this phase of parsonage life, and some of it might prove a helpful revelation to the psychiatric social worker of today.

Here came problem youth—young men and women alike—who needed special help in preparation for Confirmation. Here came folks beset with fears and anxieties, hoping to gain the balm and healing which can come only from knowing that faith,

*Linka's Diary on Land and Sea, 1845-1864. Translated and edited by Johan Carl Keyser Preus and his Wife, Diderikke Margrethe, nee Brandt. Augsburg Publishing House. Page 191.

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hope, and love can still capture human hearts. Helping the individual to "find himself" was the aim; and personal work guided by sanctified common sense was the technique which often led to success. Out of the group who sought the parsonage for personal help came many of the pastors and pastors' wives of the next generation.

The pioneer parsonage contributed something unique in the field of personal counselling—an historical field, incidentally, as yet untouched by the research student. I dare say that the counselling which took place in those simple parsonages was of a quality which has not been excelled in the later history of our Church. And it was the pioneer pastor's wife who often carried the brunt of it—one of her most important and unique contributions to American life and culture.

An able physician made a significant remark as he was caring for one of these old pioneer pastors' wives, just before she died. "These folks had *something* we have lost," he said. "America would benefit if we could recapture that *something*."

The pioneer pastor's wife didn't know that she was a heroine. In times of trial, sickness, and death; during Indian scares and the fear of wild animals; or when tragedy struck the pioneer community, this genuine heroine simply did her duty as she saw it, doing what it seemed necessary to do, always relying on the guidance of the All-seeing One who neither slumbers nor sleeps.

A life which might have become most disturbing and unhappy became instead one of rich service to



PIONEER PASTOR'S WIFE

Mrs. Emil Christensen conducted a parsonage such as those described in this article. In addition she raised a family of nine, two of whom became pastors, one a pastor's wife; two grandchildren are pastors, two are pastors' wives.



PIONEER PASTOR

Emil Christensen, who ministered from 1867 to 1889, pioneered in Dakota Territory and in the Pacific Northwest. Medically trained, he ministered to both body and soul.

mankind. It became a putting into practice the "Our Concept," which is the "Christ Concept" of loving your neighbor as yourself. Therefore, whatever discomforts and privations might come—cold feet, shivery limbs, living in cramped quarters, eating food which would seem quite unpalatable to us—one thought remained uppermost in her mind: she loved her Lord and Master and wanted to serve Him. That service could best be carried out among the people of her community.

Yes, we may well salute our pioneer pastors' wives, not forgetting that some of them are still with us, retired from active life now and a part of the Church's dearest responsibility. As we salute them, we may well do it with thanks to the Lord who gave us spirit-filled, consecrated workers whose one compelling purpose was to serve Him who first loved us.

This is one in a series of articles planned and solicited by the Department of Pensions of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in preparation for the observance of Pioneer Sunday, October 19.

NEW DISTRICT PRESIDENT ELECTED

At a meeting of the Rocky Mountain District on September 16 the Rev. Reidar A. Daehlin, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, New York, was unanimously elected to the position of president of the Rocky Mountain District. He succeeds Dr. L. N. Field, who resigned to accept a professorship at Luther Theological Seminary. A more detailed story will appear shortly.



NEW CHURCH—This is the new First Lutheran church building now under construction at 33rd and Grand. The structure will be 101 by an average 40 feet in size, with outside cedar panelling. Eino Isaacson was architect. The drawing is by the pastor, the Rev. Hjalmar Storaasli.

New Lutheran Church Here Now Two-Thirds Completed

The new First Lutheran church building at 33rd and Grand is now about two thirds completed and the congregation is making tentative plans for dedication ceremonies some time next fall, according to the Rev. Hjalmar Storaasli, pastor.

The church is the first unit in the congregation's plans for an ultimate \$100,000 development of its property in that area, to include a parking area and eventually a parsonage, up 33rd street from the church.

The new church building will be 101 feet long by an average 40 feet wide and will front on Grand avenue.

The auditorium, including overflow areas, will seat comfortably a congregation of about 300, the Rev. Mr. Storaasli said.

The building will also include 11 Sunday school rooms and three Sunday school assembly rooms, together with an organizational meeting room including a fireplace and kitchenette.

The church has just bought a new Baldwin organ and intends to have a public address system installed also.

Framing work is being done on the building by A. Duoos and Son, while members of the congregation are working on some of the rough interior work.

The building will have vertical cedar panelling on the exterior.

The congregation has about \$50,000 invested so far in the new church plant. Plans for the eventual \$100,000 project envision raising the entire sum within the congregation.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION
Columbia Circuit
2nd Annual Fall Convention

Mrs. Storaasli

Vancouver, Wn.
1952

Missionary Group Studies Apostle's Journeys at Meet

The Women's Missionary Federation of the First Lutheran church met Wednesday evening in the church parlors for a program conducted by Mrs. Earl Kvistad and Mrs. Ferd Christensen on the journeys of the Apostle Paul.

A vocal number was presented by Mrs. Frank Johnson, Mrs. Olof Englund and Mrs. Chris Anderson, accompanied by Mrs. Kvistad.

After a business session, refreshments were served by Mrs. Robert Stewart, Mrs. Bjoerne Thomassen, Mrs. Ed Hjorten, Mrs. Petra Henningsen, Miss Jessie Miller and Miss Johanna Nielsen.

Meeting Postponed

The meeting of the Women's Missionary Federation of the First Lutheran church scheduled for next Wednesday, has been postponed until Tuesday evening, November 25.

The annual bazaar of the church will be held Thursday and Friday at the Zion Lutheran church at 12th and Exchange. Lunch will be served both days from 11 to 2. Coffee an' all day. Needlework, candy, baked goods and other Christmas items will be on sale.

Mission Work Cited

The journeys of the Apostle Paul, sketched verbally by Mrs. Carl Kvistad and Mrs. Al Forness, started off the program of the Women's Missionary federation of the First Lutheran church recently.

Mrs. Earl Rogness, Portland, president of Columbia circuit, gave a talk on the women's missionary activities. Mission boxes were collected, and after the business meeting refreshments were served by the Mesdames Chris Severson, Elmer Forseth, Eric Hauke, Ole Tundel, Oscar Wrausman and Trygve Tetli.

DINNER AND EVENING
PROGRAM

of the

Fall Circuit Convention
Oct. 9, 1951

Our Savior's Lutheran,
Puget Island

Lutherans Attend Mission Meeting On Puget Island

Seventeen women, members of the Women's missionary federation unit of the First Lutheran church spent Tuesday of last week at Our Saviour's Lutheran church on Puget Island.

They were attending the organizational convention of the Columbia circuit of the Women's Missionary federation, one of the three divisions of the old Oregon circuit which has grown too large to meet in one body.

More than 200 Lutheran women of the Evangelical Lutheran church attended this meeting coming from Portland and vicinity and from towns in Washington along the Columbia as far as Brush Prairie.

The next meeting of this group will be in May at Bethlehem church, Portland.



The Pension Ingathering

The Pension Ingathering is the name to be used in connection with the special ingathering for Pensions as authorized by the 1950 General Convention of the Church.

Purpose of the Ingathering

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION



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of the

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION

The General Board of the Columbia Circuit WMF met at the home of the late Mrs. H.T. Borchgrevink on November 26, 1951. There was a 100% attendance. Some of the officers traveled many miles to attend this meeting.

The motion was made and seconded to send \$100.00 to the "Church School Cost of Living Ingathering".

Each Secretary was instructed as to her duties as Circuit Secretary from the Handbook. Each was urged to send cards with program suggestions and ideas to the Local Secretaries the month before she was to be in charge of her local program.

Subscriptions to News Bulletin were urged. The Spring Workshops, henceforth, known as "Training Schools For Departmental Secretaries" were set for February. Longview, Astoria and Portland were the cities named to be hostesses.

The Constitution was read by the Chairman of the Constitution Committee, Mrs. F.W. Eide. It was suggested that she send a copy of the Constitution to the President of each Society.

The praying of the Lord's Prayer adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Hardy Andersen, Secretary.

EXERPTS FROM DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Co-workers in Christ:

I take it that you all have filled out and mailed your triplicate cards. How did the figures look to you? Were you satisfied? Was there the right balance between "you" and "others" - local and general? Were you a "cheerful giver"? God loves such a one!

Are you enriching your Christian Life through the suggested Bible Study? Perhaps you found the study in Hebrews too difficult, or did you make the effort to search out the riches of this portion of God's Word? The 1952 studies are on the Missionary Journeys of Paul-they should interest everyone of us. There are fine films to supplement the studies.

All circuits voted to adopt the new "per capita" dues. 10¢/capita for Circuit, 20¢/capita for the District, and 10¢ or a free-will offering to the General Office for Literature.

Yours in His Service,

Mrs. A.W. Ramstad, President.

EXERPTS from GENERAL OFFICE

Dear Circuit President:

Although the Executive Board has long since recommended that Church money be used for Church purposes only, yet we urge each group to record all of its contributions even though they may find it necessary to make contributions outside of direct Church activities because of local circumstances. Such contributions should be listed under Special Projects.

We continue to recommend that in most cases our pamphlets be presented orally rather than distributed. This we do for three reasons. First, because of the constantly rising cost of printing; secondly, to assure us that the message gets across. We know only too well that people pick up literature but never read it; and thirdly, because this will assure the department secretaries that they will have program material on hand at the time that their departments are emphasized.

It is always well to stress the use of remittance blanks in order that proper credit be given for money sent in.

It has been recommended that the local division secretary send a copy of her report to the Circuit Department Chairman as well as to the Circuit Division Secretary.

Can we ask local Promotion Secretaries to be responsible for a membership campaign? She would have to contact the pastor first for permission to cull the files for prospective Ladies' Aid members and to organize a campaign committee. No Ladies' Aid should be content until all prospective members are active members.

Order the News Bulletin not later than June. Clubs of 20 may secure the subscription for 50¢ at that time. Otherwise, single subscriptions are 75¢.

Very Sincerely,
Alice Sane.

9 o'clock W. M. F. Prayer Hour!

SUMMARIES from CIRCUIT DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES

- LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND IN MEMORIAM -

Nine of the local groups in the Columbia Circuit WFF sent in their reports for the year 1951. Eighteen faithful workers were honored with Life Membership pins in 1950 and fourteen were presented in 1951. Three In Memoriams were sent in for 1950 and three for 1951. In each case, the In Memoriam Service was used in the group and a card sent to the family telling them of the memorial gift sent.

Sunny Bethel Ladies Aid purchased the sound film, "Beyond the Symbol" to be used by the Circuit. Any group in the Columbia Circuit may have this

film to use when presenting Life Membership awards as a part of the presentation service, or it may be used during the month of May when the Life Membership and In Memoriam department is to be stressed. Many of the organizations have also sent for an Honor Scroll on which are the names of those for whom an In Memoriam gift has been sent and also those to whom a Life Membership pin has been given.

-Mrs. Oscar Wrausmann, Life Membership and In Memoriam Circuit Sec't.

- FOREIGN AND HOME MISSIONS -

We now have twelve societies in our circuit. Due to the fact that we were not organized last year, I will give only the figures for 1951. Out of the twelve societies, nine sent in a report. A total of \$50.29 was collected through Mission Boxes and 238 gifts besides this to various projects. Very few remembered Dr. Bolstad's Hospital at Madagascar but maybe some of us will do so this year as the need is very great and would make a fine project for Box Work as all kinds of bandages, gowns, sheets, towels etc. would be welcomed and, of course, money. All societies reported having Mission Box Programs. Several have shown a large increase in Membership but others are at a standstill. Remember, this is your Home Mission work "to bring others to Christ". Let us more than ever stress visitation.

Our Mission Work is progressing wonderfully both on the Foreign and Home fields but the time is short so let us do our utmost to bring the Word of Salvation to the heathen and to the unchurched. Remember all of our Missionaries and all of our new Mission Churches in our prayers daily. May God make 1952 a fruitful year in the harvesting of souls for the Kingdom of Heaven.

-Mrs. Maurice Nordstrom, Home and Foreign Mission Circuit Secretary.

Take time to pray each day!

- HIGHER EDUCATION -

Each of the seven local secretaries who reported to the Circuit Secretary reported that they had received a Thank Offering during the past year and that the total figures show a gain of \$94.01 over last year's figure of \$78.08. \$155.00 was contributed directly to Education to the Budget over and above the Thank Offering.

Ten students have been reported as the number attending schools of Higher Learning.

-Mrs. Silas Torvend, Higher Education Circuit Secretary.

- CRADLE ROLL -

There were 206 babies enrolled in Cradle Roll in the Columbia Circuit in 1951 as compared with 136 in 1950. \$206.00 was contributed for missions through these enrollments. Only two societies in our Circuit had Mother's Clubs. Eight societies had Cradle Roll programs. The Ladies' Guild of Central Lutheran in Portland, the Dorcas Society of Portsmouth and the Trinity Lutheran Guild of Vancouver had Graduation exercises for children of Sunday School age which were very effective.

-Mrs. Sverre Pedersen, Cradle Roll Circuit Secretary.

Our young people are priceless gems. Let us guide them in
God's way!

- CHRISTIAN NURTURE -

I'm happy to hear that the Theme of the Convention is to be "Christian Nurture." Psalm 143:10 (Christian work naturally starts with the)

The old saying "as the twig is bent" still goes and so our/Cradle Roll on into Mother's Clubs, thru Luther League and on into lives of the adult.

It is very important to present Christianity to children in an interesting manner. Read to them good books, The Bible and "Children's Book of Prayer" by Marsha to teach them to pray.

Best wishes in the Lord's Work.

- Mrs. Glen Haas, Christian Nurture Circuit Secretary.

- CHARITIES -

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethern, ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:40.

Let these words of Jesus constantly remind us that our Charities work is work done unto Him.

Our church has established homes and agencies for helping those in distress. Our self Denial Offering goes to this cause. But the greater part of support comes from direct gifts in money or "kind" to the institutions and agencies. This we call Box Work.

God Bless you for what you have done for these in 1951. But remember, the clothes wear out, the food is a daily need. The homes are getting too small to take care of the many waiting to be taken in. The operating expenses come due every month.

What will we, as W.M.F. women, in the Columbia Circuit, do for Jesus through our Charities Department in 1952?

-Mrs. J.R. Tobiason, Charities Circuit Secretary.

- LITERATURE -

"I applied mine heart to know, and to search and to seek out wisdom."

-Eccl. 7:25

Of the different local Literature Secretaries that reported to the Columbia Circuit Literature Secretary last year, five had Church libraries, some had reading circles and one group gave their book reports alternately at noon luncheons and in the evenings. Bible Study was conducted at some meetings and the Women's Missionary Federation Program Series was used quite extensively.

The Book Report, "Wake up or Blow Up" was given at our Milwaukie workshop in February and went over well.

Our thoughts are shaped by what we read and hear, so let's give our women something good to read by having a Church Library. We cannot stress enough the reading of Christian literature--not only by adults but also by the children.

Some literature from our Minneapolis office has been tied up on account of the high cost of printing, as the local societies do not contribute enough towards defraying the same. Furthermore, we doubt if all the pamphlets were read by all who received them. So our W. M. F. Headquarters recommends that they are to be given orally at Society Meetings instead of being widely distributed to individuals.

We can keep up with materials that are available through our "News Bulletin", to which we trust you all subscribe, personally. You can't get along without it! You remember, don't you, that if you send in 20 subscriptions at one time; or, if your organization has less than 20 members and you send in a 100% subscription list, the price per person will be 50¢ a year and the News Bulletin will be mailed to each address given? Do take advantage of this Club Rate for saving funds for Kingdom expansion!

Let us strive, then, to be "an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (I Timothy 4:12). To that end, we MUST always remember to "GIVE ATTENDANCE TO READING" GOD'S WORD and other helpful literature, as the Bible exhorts us to do in I Timothy 4:13.

-Mrs. A. J. Bellman, Literature Circuit Secretary.

A good W.M.F. program takes time but reaps well.

- HISTORY -

The first Fall Convention of the New Columbia Circuit Women's Missionary Federation, convened on Puget Island, Washington, at Our Savior's Church on October 9, 1952. The Rev. Silas Torvend, Pastor.

The theme for the Convention was "Lift Up Thine Eyes", Psalm 121.

Devotions were led by Mrs. Silas Torvend.

The welcome was given by Mrs. Ray Nelson, President of Sunny Bethel Ladies' Aid. The response was given by Mrs. Hardy Andersen, Vancouver, Washington.

The Bible Study was given by Miss Dorothy Murray, Parish Worker at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. A.W. Ramstad greeted the new Columbia Circuit with "Challenges for a New Circuit".

Mrs. Earl Rogness, President, opened the Business Meeting. Since this was the first Meeting of the new Circuit, there were no Secretary's minutes. The Treasurer's report of the amount of money turned over to the new Circuit of \$6.92 was approved.

The morning Session closed with Mrs. Gregg of Central Church, Portland, Oregon offering prayer.

The afternoon Session opened with a "Mission Program" sketch by the Multnomah W. M. F. group.

Dr. H. L. Foss, President of the Pacific District of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, greeted the new Columbia Circuit.

Mrs. Stanley Moris, Missionary from Africa, was speaker for the afternoon.

The offering was received. The number of Societies in Columbia Circuit is twelve. The Credentials Committee reported 21 delegates, 7 pastor's wives, 1 visiting missionary, 101 visitors, (45 voting delegates). Total 130 attending.

The Business Session adjourned. Installation of the new Columbia Circuit Officers followed.

Pastor Silas Torvend closed with the meditation, "How Big Is Your God?" and prayer.

-Mrs. Vance Cummins, Historian Circuit Secretary.

DID YOU BRING SOMEONE INTO YOUR CHURCH LAST YEAR? WIN TWO FOR FIFTY-TWO.

- CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE -

The preliminary Columbia Circuit W.M.F. Constitution presented to you at our Fall Convention at Puget Island last October (1951) was given prayerful study by your Constitution Committee. Actually, the changes are few, though the Constitution was "polished up" considerably in both wording and arrangement so that our Columbia Circuit Constitution might conform as nearly as possible to the Constitution of our mother organization, the General W.M.F. of our beloved Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Our early Oregon Circuit history reveals that our first W.M.F. Constitution was written and read in 1919. Now, thirty-three years later, God has

permitted us to be participants in the adoption of another Constitution that we pray will help to motivate us, more than ever before, to reveal that, individually, we are "at Peace", but not "At Ease".

"We have 'peace' with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1)

"Woe to them that are 'at ease'...." (Amos 6:1)

But not at ease am I
Who now can joy, who now can see;
Each hour I dedicate to Him
Who set me free,
While others stagger 'neath their load
Of care, of sin.
I must arise from sloth and sleep
These souls to win!

I have a story now to tell
At home--afar.
My tongue must spread abroad
Where'er men are--
That God would reconciled be
To every soul!
I must invite them all to come
To be made whole!

-Mrs. F.W. Eide, Constitution Committee, Chairman.

- CHORAL UNION -

Because we have the agreeable work of learning new songs together throughout the Circuit, we achieve a closer feeling of harmony both in spirit and in music. We praise our Christ as we have fellowship in Christian singing.

Mrs. Obed Vold, Circuit Choral Director.

OUR MORNING PRAYER FOR JULY

Dear Lord Jesus, please hear
My prayers that rise daily to Thee;
Let me know Thou art near,
That Thy hand is still leading me.
My sins, Dear Lord, Forgive,
From temptation, please help me to stay;
And let me each day so live,
As though 'twere my last earthly day.

Thy presence, Lord, let us feel,
As we enter Thy house with prayer;
Teach us to know Thy will,
And oft come to worship there.
Bless all our Pastor may say,
And keep him in Thy watchful care;
Bless all who witness for Thee,
Is our constant and fervent prayer.

ASTORIA

SOCIETY MESSAGES

The three Women's groups of the First Lutheran Church of Astoria, organized as one Women's Missionary Federation group in June 1951. Counting all of those who belonged to the other groups, our membership was 104. We have since added each new member of the church and a few old church members who had not belonged to the group. We are, also, trying to interest the younger unmarried women.

At Christmas time, we met and had a wonderful party at which we each brought a gift or money for the Seattle Seamen's Mission and the Parkland Children's Home. Then on March 19th, the group conducted the Lenten Service giving the Lenten Pageant put on by the WMF. It was a wonderful service and a number of the women took part as well as six men of the Congregation. It is called the "Voices of the Passion".

The "Prayer For July" and the "Prayer For April", were prayers used by the women of the Astoria WMF. Each month the Promotion Secretary mimeographed Morning Prayers for each person.

Mrs. Oscar Wrausmann, First Lutheran WMF, Astoria, Oregon.

OUR PRAYER FOR APRIL

Lord Jesus, be with me today;
Bless all I do, or think, or say.
Help me today, to know Thy will
In all the tasks that my day fill.

Bless my home and family,
Bless those I love, and who love me;
Let my prayers for them today
Help them as they go their way.

Dear Lord, walk with our Pastor, too.
As he goes forth Thy work to do.
Open the hearts of those he seeks,
And bless the words that he speaks.

Bless our church, and let it be
A constant witness, Lord, for Thee.
Help us to show our fellowmen
We follow Thee, Dear Lord.

Amen.

BETHLEHEM

Our outstanding strong and smooth working department is the Keys and Means Committee headed by Mrs. G. Munz and Mrs. S. Rasmussen, Co-chairmen, with seven other appointed members, one from each circle. We have eight circles.

All of our activities are handled thru this department. They, also, handle all weddings, in fact, anything requiring serving our Congregation. All Circles have a voice as well as the WMF as a whole.

Mrs. L.H. Lobben, Bethlehem WMF, Portland, Oregon

BRUSH PRAIRIE

Our little group here at Brush Prairie is quite small. It seems every one of the ladies who is at all able to take a Secretary Departmental Office is a Secretary.

The ladies of Bethel Society did do very fine work in visiting the ladies who were sick both in their Ladies' Guild and in their Circles. They were always visited and remembered with a lovely plant or flowers.

-Mrs. Don Schaffer, Bethel Ladies' Guild, Brush Prairie, Washington.

CATHLAMET

The Sunny Bethel Ladies' Aid in 1951 were very happy to be Hostesses for the Fall Circuit Convention held here on the Island the 9th of October.

We had two large clothing drives which were successful and sent to Lutheran World Action.

In the Spring of '51, we motored to Emanuel Lutheran Church in Longview and gave a program. This was much fun and by doing this, we learned to know our neighbors at Emanuel Lutheran WMF.

-Mrs. Ray Nelson, Sunny Bethel Ladies' Aid, Puget Island, Washington.

CENTRAL

The outstanding event in our Guild last year was the last Convention of the Oregon Circuit held in Central in May. Our spiritual guide was the Book of Hebrews. Our programs were varied. One was a luncheon honoring all new members. Another was an evening meeting to include our husbands and friends. In the spring, we held our Graduation Exercise for our Cradle Roll. Fifty-two children were enrolled in the Cradle Roll Department. A "Bazaar and Turkey Dinner" was our main money-raising project. The Guild gave \$2600 towards our Church indebtedness. It is truly with the Lord's blessing that the work of the women in the Church goes forward.

-Mrs. Wesley Gregg, Central Lutheran Guild, Portland, Oregon.

CHINOOK

The twenty-five members of the Lutheran Ladies' Aid of Chinook, Wash. have had a very busy year. Our meetings are held every other Wednesday, usually in the evening as many of the members work in the Fish Cannery and cannot attend afternoon meetings.

We raise our money with a fancy work sale in July and another at Christmas time. Although this year, we dispensed with the Christmas sale and had a Country Store, Fish Pond, and Food Sale with a Patriotic theme during February.

The money is used to help with any church improvement and to help the trustees with church expenses. We, also, improved the social room where our meetings are held, by some additional wiring for more convenient outlets, a porch light for the entrance, an electric clock for the Sunday School and a reading light for the pulpit in the Church. One dozen song books were purchased to add to those for the Sunday School and for our use at our meetings. We paid for pipe and sceptic tanks for the parsonage.

In the spring, we had a very interesting meeting when a daughter, of a former pastor from here, came back from a year's teaching in Vienna and told us about the country, it's people and it's customs.

Last August, our church was fifty years old and we had a mid-centennial tea with a program, in celebration. We made up tiny pull string bags out of cotton material, with a note in verse asking members and friends to put in as many pennies as they were years old and bring them to the tea. Many sent them in who could not come. These were hung on a small plastic tree and we had a very colorful money tree by the end of the afternoon.

We have added four new members to our number this past year. Five of our members attended the WMF Convention at Puget Island last October.

-Mrs. Frans Johnson, Chinook Lutheran Aid, Chinook, Oregon.

LONGVIEW

Our Missionary Guild followed the Bible Study on Hebrews last year with different members leading the study and devotions each month.

In October, we sponsored a birthday by the month party. Twelve tables were set, and appropriately decorated for the month it designated. A free-will offering was raised which was divided three ways for different Missions. All of our money is raised by offerings.

-Mrs. Carl Gorans, Women's Missionary Guild, Longview, Washington

INCREASE W. M. F. MEMBERSHIP FOR GOD'S KINGDOM IN 1952!

MILWAUKIE

Anxious that we should "let all things be done decently and in order" (I Cor. 14:40), the officers of the Milwaukie Lutheran Ladies' Guild have prayerfully and thoroughly held regular Executive Committee Meetings in order to bring recommendations and information most effectively and briefly to its meetings. These have expedited business at meetings and allowed much more time for the well planned devotions. Spiritual growth has been noticeable and the financial projects have been most successful, with seemingly less effort and emphasis.

A current project is mentioned here only with the prayer that it will prove to be an incentive NOW to sister organizations of the WMF, when our hearts are burning within us" (Luke 24:32) as we consider the need for the 1952 Pensions Ingathering. We have decided to designate \$10.00 to the 1952 Special Pensions Ingathering as an In Memoriam in loving memory to each member or near relative of a member of our Congregation who passes from this life. At this writing (March 15, 1952), 40.00 has been sent in to our Church Headquarters as a means of thus "honoring the dead by serving the living" aged pastors of the Synod and their widows. Eight "In Memoriam" Cards have already been sent out to the bereaved, in this connection, thus also, spreading the sympathy and understanding of Christians.

-Mrs. F.W. Eide, Milwaukie Lutheran Ladies' Guild, Milwaukie, Oregon.

MULTNOMAH

The meeting for this year began with a recommendation to have a ten to fifteen minute Bible Study each month. (This was carried out and made clear and interesting by Pastor Langehough).

Plans for the Pocket Testament Banquet for March 16th. For April, Workshop was stressed and a Committee attended the Workshop at Oswego.

Donation was made towards purchasing of new curtains for Sunday School rooms.

Six members attended the Convention at Cathlamet and were part of the Mission Program, that was put on by members of the Mission Circles.

Past Presidents received W. M. F. ping.

. Mothers were honored in May and a Mother's Club was formed that has been quite successful and active.

Ingathering Pot Luck Dinner in October proved quite successful. Gifts were brought for Seaman's Mission in San Francisco.

Mrs. M. Langehough wrote poems, and also, wrote lessons for the Mother's Club.

-Mrs. O. Koester, Historian of St. Luke's Ladies' Guild, Multnomah, Ore.

LET'S LOOK AT OUR BENEVOLENCES! HOW ARE WE DOING? DO WE MEASURE UP?

OSWEGO

"Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory thru our Lord Jesus Christ."

-I Cor. 15:57

This is the King's command
That all men everywhere
Repent and turn away
From sins' seductive snare.

That all who will obey
With Him shall reign for aye
And that's my business for my King.
This is the message that I bring-

A message angels fain would sing

"O be ye reconciled to God."

This is God's business. Our work is to bring lost souls to Christ and to strengthen Christians in their faith. To this end we have worked--and given and prayed. The Executive Board has functioned very effectively, taking care of much of the business, thus eliminating the need for lengthy discussions at the Guild Meetings and leaving more time for the more important spiritual part of our program.

Recognizing the need for a clearer understanding of the work of the various departments of the WMF, the programs for the year have to a large extent centered around these departments. Each secretary presented the program in the month in which her department was stressed. A very thorough and inspiring program of each department has resulted in a better understanding of the work and consequently a greater interest in and zeal for the work.

A spirit of strong Christian fellowship and a desire to work for God's Kingdom was manifest throughout the year, especially in such events as our Smorgasbord, the all-church picnic at Sellwood Park sponsored by the Guild and our Christmas program and party to which our men were invited.

Altho we were without a resident Pastor the last few months of the year, the ladies were all eager to band together and carry on the work, knowing that God would in His own time send us another Pastor.

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever." II Peter 3:18.

-Mrs. R.Dale, Our Savior's Lutheran Guild, Oswego, Oregon.

PORTSMOUTH :

We are quite excited about the Charities Workshop which we are starting. We chose the Josephine Home for the Old People, and we are going to send them quilt blocks, thread, yarn and other supplies that will give them something to do to pass the time away. For the men there, we are going to send games and literature to help them pass the time. And, also, remember each of the guests at this home with cards which we will make for their birthdays or other important days.

We feel this is a two-way project, for it will not only aid the old folk at

the home, but will be another means of getting our older ladies together.

To make our project clear, one of our ladies wrote a playlet that was well received. In the playlet, our plans and ideas were talked over and explained. I feel sure it was more effective than just telling about it. (Cir. President's note: "Could we have a copy?")

Mrs. Otto Munson, Portsmouth Trinity WMF, Portland, Oregon.

VANCOUVER

One of our members had a letter from her daughter while on a trip to the "Holy Land". The letter was very descriptive and interesting. It was read at one of our Guild Meetings and was interspersed with music and Scripture appropriate to each location she visited. It was warmly received by the ladies and will long be remembered.

Our deaconesses, too, are very active and busy visiting the sick and aged and a comfort wherever they go.

Our Guild has established a "Charity Cupboard and Fund" from which, Mrs. Lowell Hills, our Charities and Box Work Chairman, has made up several baskets of food for the needy here in Vancouver. It is surprising, indeed, to hear of children practically starving almost at our very doorstep. We are very fortunate in having women in our group so willing to share in so many instances of their time and talents to help further the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior.

In December of 1950, we voted to continue the Study of the Book of John with a different Guild member leading each month. The benefits from this study has enlarged the attendance almost three times and the spiritual growth of our women who have taken part has been blessed. We shall always be thankful that God gave us the opportunity to bring this wonderful gospel to our women in this manner.

The Christmas program, which was an evening meeting, will always be precious to us in that our newly installed officers presented the "Lord's Prayer Candlelighting Service". It was at this same meeting that the Charity Fund was begun.

-Mrs. Ben Bork, Trinity Lutheran Ladies' Guild, Vancouver, Wash.

A PRAYER

God grant us vision so our work will be

Soul winning work acceptable to Thee.

Amen.

Lutheran Women's Missionary
Federation, 8 p. m., church parlors.
Mrs. E. Rogness, president of Col-
umbia circuit, guest speaker.
Bring mission boxes.

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Evelyn Bruun
Bertha Henningsen
Evelyn Borg

1912-1913

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Evelyn Bruun
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SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

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Mr. F. L. Bailey
Testimony taken.

Mr. Frank Hays
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"April"

Bible Study - Mrs. Keller
"Christ Our Deliverer."

Light Division Luncheon -
Mrs. Chris Silverton, Secy.

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"May"

1104 2nd St. - Mrs. Mary Smith
"A Father Is Dead."

1178 Washington St. - Mrs. John Smith
"A Father Is Dead."

Second Generation:

Mrs. John Johnson - 1104 2nd St.
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"Joy"

Bible Study - Mrs. Fred Hovstad
"The Wilderness Day."

Orchestra Bell - Mrs. Fred Hovstad
Secy.

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Bible Study - Mrs. Eugene Middleton
"The Law."

Prayers - Mrs. J. Storrsell, 4402

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Miss Jennie Miller
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Mrs. Robert Moon
2374 Birch Phone 23207

Mrs. B. A. Morris
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"August"

Bible Study - Mrs. J. Henningsen
"God Wants To Dwell Among Us."

Foreign Missions - Mrs. Betty
Stanglund, Secy.

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1953



Missionary Federation Makes Plans

The members of the First Lutheran Women's Missionary federation will be making children's hospital gowns and collecting clothing for foreign missions as a project.

Mrs. A. Stangland, mission secretary, reported this at the meeting this past week held at the church, where Mrs. O. Wrausman led the prayer, and Mrs. B. Thomassen, conducted the Bible study from the book of Exodus.

Gordon Storaasli, superintendent of Columbia hospital, appeared at the meeting and invited the women to Trinity Lutheran church March 24 to a meeting of the hospital guild.

Mrs. C. P. Everett announced the fact that there was a lending library available to the missionary federation.

Members set the date of their fall bazaar for November 12-13 in the new church, and devotions in the home with children was

stressed by Mrs. H. Storaasli.

Following a report on charities, a self-denial offering was given by members as they sang "Thy Life Was Given for Me."

Refreshments from a Valentine decked table were served by the Mesdames Peter Gjovik, R. Gain, E. Grating, W. Hagestadt, A. Grimstad and Miss Frances Gustafson.

There were 42 members present

and the guests were Mrs. A. Norbeck, Altadena, Calif., and Mrs. J. Smith. Mrs. Paul Brenham became a member of the federation.

closed the ceremonies.

Missionary Group Elects

The First Lutheran Women's Missionary federation, meeting at the church Wednesday, installed the following elective officers: Mrs. Ferdinand Christensen, president; Mrs. Bjarne Thomassen, vice president; Mrs. Eric Hauke, secretary; and Mrs. Robert Paschell, treasurer.

After the opening prayer, led by Mrs. Olga Henningsen, outgoing president, committee chairmen gave their yearly reports, and Mrs. Christensen presented the final chapter of the "Journeys of Paul," study program for the past year.

Made Life Member

Mrs. Henningsen was presented with a past president's pin and life membership on the Women's Missionary federation for her having organized the federation June 1951.

The program of study for the next year, according to Mrs. Thomassen, will be the book of Exodus. She also distributed the "9 o'clock prayer hour" booklets to members.

Mrs. Myron Bue announced the final plans for the dinner to be held after the church services January 25, at which time the district president will visit the congregation and dedicate the laying of the cornerstone of the new church at 33rd and Grand.

The Rev. Hjalmar Storaasli led grace, after which refreshments were served by the Mesdames Olaf Englund, John Fremstad, Fritz Fremstad, Hans Flatner, Peter Gagnet and Philip Everett.

Missionary Group Elects 2 Delegates

Mrs. A. Stangland and Mrs. F. M. Christensen were elected delegates to the Lutheran Columbia circuit spring convention to be held in Longview April 15.

Members elected them at the recent First Lutheran Women's missionary federation meeting at the church, where Mrs. R. Goin gave the invocation, and Miss Frances Gustafson the scripture reading.

Mrs. Phil Everett presented the lesson study, "The Passover." Mrs. Stangland reported that the children's gowns being made by the women for foreign missions must be completed and mailed soon.

The Alderbrook guild has donated a revised Bible to the lending library of the federation, it was announced.

Mrs. O. Wrausman commended on the scholarship fund to be set up for an eligible student from the Columbia circuit to attend Pacific Lutheran college.

The meeting, adjourned after "The Lord's Prayer," was followed by refreshments served by the Mesdames Eric Hauke, E. Hansen, F. L. Hatley, Elmer Hauke and J. Harrestad.

Zululana Writes to Church Group

A letter of appreciation from Zululana, Africa, was read to members of the First Lutheran Women's Missionary federation held recently.

The letter of thanks was for several boxes of clothing the women sent a few weeks ago to the mission there.

Carrying out the theme, a mission skit was presented by Mrs. A. Stangland, mission secretary, who was assisted by the Mesdames A. R. Goldie, A. Nygaard, D. Zeller and Miss Evelyn Berg.

Carl Kvistad made an appearance at the meeting to appeal to the women to ask their husbands to help the men of the church at the volunteer men's work nights at the new church, Mondays and Tuesdays.

Next Tuesday, the women are having a work night at 6:30 p. m. to clean up the grounds of the new church. All women and families of the church are invited, and there will be potluck coffee-an after the work is finished.

Mrs. Maragaret Lervick, who reported on last month's kitchen-planning, corrected a report that followed in the paper, by stating that two electric ranges would be installed in the new church kitchen interior would be finished in birch wood.

Invocation and opening prayer were given by Mrs. Osear Wrausmann, and the Bible study, "God Wants to Dwell Among Us," was presented by Mrs. Olga Henningsen.

After the closing prayers and song, refreshments were served to the 35 members present, the Rev. H. Storaasli pouring.

Hostesses were the Mesdames A. Nygaard, A. Ness, C. Ness, O. M. Olsen and Miss Johanna Nielson.

Federation Names Mrs. Christenson Confab Delegate

The Women's Missionary federation of First Lutheran church has named its president, Mrs. F. M. Christenson, as delegate to a district convention in Parkland, Wash., in May, and has named Mrs. Olga Henningsen as alternate.

The federation met recently with Mrs. D. Zeller conducting Bible study and Mrs. Al Stangland reporting that a box of clothing had been sent to a mission in Zululand. Mrs. Stangland and Mrs. Henningsen gave reports on a recent circuit convention.

The federation voted to sponsor a teacher at the Colton Bible camp next summer.

Mrs. Petra Henningsen gave a reading on the advantages of Christian colleges.

Hostesses for the event were Mrs. J. Henningsen, Mrs. P. Henningsen, Mrs. Ed Hjorten, Mrs. Fred Hjorten, Mrs. John Hjorten, Mrs. E. Forness and Mrs. John Holsten. Program chairman was Mrs. B. Thomason.

Refreshments were served to 40 members present and two guests, Mrs. Hancharenko and Miss Dolores Trasvig of Wenatchee, Wash.

Lutheran Mission Has Bible Study

When the First Lutheran Women's Missionary federation met at the church recently Mrs. O. M. Olsen presenting the Bible study "His Orders Are Carried Out."

A vocal quartet composed of Misses Joan Storaasli, Denyse Nygaard, Marian Hauke and Gayle Hauke presented a number, accompanied by Miss Marian Fremstad.

Mrs. F. M. Christenson, president reported that the women of the church had served as hostesses two night at the USO.

Women who wish to furnish refreshments for work nights at the church, are asked to contact Mrs. Carl Kvistad.

"Friendship Room" is the name given the meeting room of the new church on the main floor which is the overflow room, it was announced.

The circuit convention will be held at Milwaukie October 14, and as many members as possible are asked to attend. Mrs. Phil Everett was elected a delegate to the convention.

A mission offering was placed by members on a table with lighted tapers, led by Mrs. P. Everett.

There were 42 members attending and one guest, Mrs. Hana-chenko.

After the closing prayer, refreshments were served by the following Mesdames A. Pedersen, J. Persen, R. Paschall, J. Olsen, E. Paldanius and Olydia Niemi, chairman.

Zulu Land Letter Thanks Missionaries

From far Zulu land came a letter that proved interesting to members of the First Lutheran Women's Missionary federation.

The letter, read at a recent meeting, was from the mission in Zulu supported by the Lutheran missionary society, and heads of the mission thanked the local ladies for the gifts of children's clothing, hospital gowns and Christmas decorations sent them.

Mrs. B. Thomassen read the opening prayer, followed by the Bible study "Symbolism of the Tabernacle" by Miss Jessie Miller. A thank offering service was presented by Mrs. Carl Kvistad, stressing Christian education by mothers for their children "seven days a week."

Work Nights Coming

Mrs. Peter Gagnet and Mrs. Margaret Lervick were appointed to provide coffee-an' for the men's work night at the new church, members wishing to bring cookies or cake to contact these two. Then Thursday will be "sweep" night at the new church for the women, it was announced.

Mrs. Phil Everitt, delegate to the circuit convention workshop in Milwaukie, October 14, urged more women to attend these conventions, stating that a more rich and rounded meaning of the work of the church and of the responsibility of women in its support was derived from such attendance.

Convention reports were also given by Mrs. O. W. Wrausmann, on life membership and in memoriam; Mrs. Hogan Hatley, on the cradle roll, stating that quilts were needed in the Alaska mission; by Mrs. Olga Henningsen, on box work, and Mrs. Margaret Lervick, historian.

"Start Christianity Early"

Mrs. Hjalmer Storaasli, from the Christian nurture meeting at the convention workshop, reminded members that this starts at birth and goes all through life. She advised that mothers teach their children prayers at an early age, and that family altars and family prayer should be an important part of every home.

She also urged members to remember the L. C. Foss Sunset home in Seattle, which is in need of help, and Mrs. D. Zeller reported for the hospital committee, naming the shut-ins who had been cheered by visits from the committee members.

After the closing prayer, refreshments were served by the Mesdames P. Peschl, E. Petersen, E. Forseth, A. Rasmussen, E. Rasmussen and H. B. Rasmussen.

Farewell Bazaar Committee Name

The following committees will be in charge of the "Farewell Festival" at the First Lutheran church, 29th and Grand, November 20: social, Mrs. Myron Bue, Mrs. P. Gagnet, Mrs. Margaret Lervick; bazaar, Mrs. A. Kvistad, Mrs. C. Seversen, Mrs. A. Bernhoff, Mrs. C. Wooley, Mrs. Olga Henningsen, Mrs. Olydia Niemi, Mrs. Eric Hauke, Mrs. A. Stangland, Mrs. R. Goin and Mrs. W. Hagstedt.

The festival which begins at 10 a. m. will consist of a bazaar, hand-made linens, foods, mystery table, parcel post sale, Christmas cards, church history books, coffee an's, lunch and supper.

Farewell Festival

First Lutheran Church

29TH AND GRAND

Friday, November 20th

10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

BAZAAR

Handmade Linens - Home Food Sale

Parcel Post Sale - Mystery Table

Christmas Cards - History Books

Coffee-an's

Lunch - Supper

SPACE COURTESY

HUGHES-RANSOM

ASTORIA - SEASIDE - LONG BEACH

PACIFIC DISTRICT W.M.F. NOMINEES FOR 1953

OFFICERS:

President: Mrs. J. R. Tobiason, Longview, Wash. (Columbia Circuit)

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3rd Vice President: Mrs. J. Henningson, Astoria, Ore. (Columbia Circuit)

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Cradle Roll: Mrs. R. W. Knostran, Richland, Wash. (Mid-Columbia Circuit)

Charities: Mrs. Clyde Johnson, Bremerton, Wash. (So. Puget Sound Circuit)

Life Membership and In Memoriam: Mrs. Arnold Nelson, Silverton, Ore.
(Williamette Circuit)

Promotion (Publicity): Mrs. F. W. Eide, Milwaukie, Ore. (Columbia Circuit)

Literature: Mrs. Judson Crary, Everson, Washington (N. Puget Sound Circuit)

Historian: Mrs. A. G. Sannerud, Parkland, Wash. (So. Puget Sound Circuit)

Convention offering: Amount:

First \$100 to go to the book mission

The rest of the offering to be divided equally among the Hospital at Malissa and the Hospital in Makassar and to the Island of Formosa

Credentials Committee final report

Delegates 153

Visitors 236

Pastor's wives 46

Officers of the Circuits and Districts 14

A total of 449

Man did not register and it was believed that there were at least 10 more.

BP voted to furnish a room in the new dormitory at \$50 for \$500.
This money was taken from a surplus in the district treasury.

Officers elected on next page

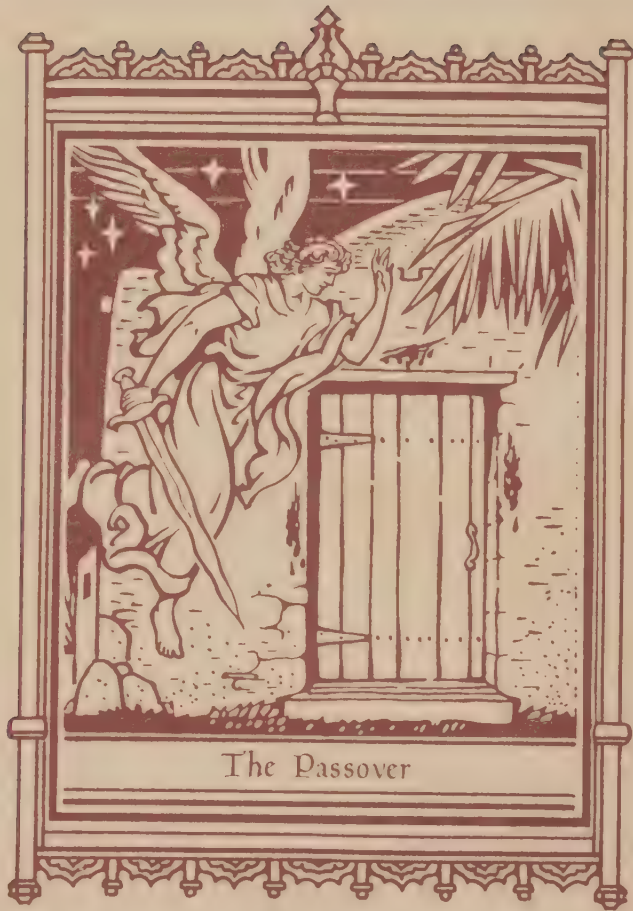
Mrs. Stub, wife of Pastor Stub of Seattle was presented to convention and given a golden gift. This year they are celebrating their 50 years service in the one church in Seattle.

Dr. Mastvold reported on the growth at LC ten years ago there were 144 students. Last year there were 1100. Advance registration for next year is already filled. Arrangements made to build one and most likely two new dormitories. They are appealing to the people to furnish rooms. It costs \$2.00 a minute to run the college today. The new rooms will cost \$1000. Last year 75 boys at LC decided to go into the ministry. Only two circuits have a scholarship fund for students to the college. They are one of the Budget Sound circuits and our Columbia Circuit.

North

Recommendations Committee recommended to the convention.

- 1 The women continue their daily devotions and prayers
- 2 Organize more mothers' Clubs.
- 3 Be responsible to the ELA and support all phases of the work
- 4 Be responsible in the battle against the evils of alcohol
- 5 Encourage the growth of PLC



Show Me Thy Glory

Women's Missionary Federation of the First Lutheran Church, Astoria, Oregon; Columbia Circuit; Pacific District...Rev. Hjalmar Storaasli.

The Women's Missionary Federation was organized on June 27, 1941. Executive Alice Christensen, Chair. The Ladies Aid, The Devotional and the Altar Guild have also participated in the WMF in their respective groups and on June 27, 1942 representatives of these three groups met in the Church building to unite in the Women's Missionary Federation to further the mission, spiritual and benevolent work of the Church. Mrs. Olga Storaasli was the organizer. Members of the 3 organizations were considered charter members...a total of 102 women.

The constitution of the WMF was copied from the one suggested in the handbook.

Officers for the first year were as follows: Pres. Olga Storaasli
V.P. Frances Gustafson
Sec. Hulda Wraussman
Treas. Berenice Paschall

There are about 25 women who have received life membership. It was a custom of the Ladies Aid to present life memberships to members when they reached the age of 70. Mrs. Olga Storaasli was presented the when she completed her term as our first president for her outstanding work.

An American was sent in for each country member and Mrs. I. A. Christensen.

During 1941 up until the present there are 25 members on the United States list.

The study period of the meetings is the WMF topic..This past year we studied "The Journeys of Apostle Paul."

We have hospital rooms, glass, color cameras and other books, etc. to assist, Alaska, Africa...Missionary is Rev. Erling Westenes.

Most members come to the meeting in their own cars...We meet in the Church building the 1st Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. Devotional offering is taken at each meeting. We have 6 hostesses at each meeting...They serve 11/2 cups cake, pie, or salad and coffee. Dress is casual...such as street clothes, skirts and blouses and suits.

This past year the Ladies Aid had a very successful bazaar...raising \$1496. which was turned over to the Building Fund as we are building a new church on the corner of 1st and Grand in Astoria.

We also will fix the building of 2 fireplaces in the 2 social rooms of the new church...this was raised by selling tickets resembling fireplace bricks..

We attended conventions in a group in chartered busses.

Respectfully submitted:

Ellen Hansen
Local Historian.

JOHN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION OF ASTORIA, OREGON

Year of 1952

The newly organized John's Missionary Federation (October 1951) in Astoria finished its first year's work with a feeling that God had blessed its efforts and that much had been accomplished. Previously our three groups--the Ladies Aid, Senior Guild, and Alderbrook Guild--had all belonged to the WMF, sending in separate reports and working independently. Under the leadership of Mrs. Joe Henningsen, our organizing chairman and first president, we formed a society whose membership was composed of all the women of the three groups and any other women of the church who were interested in the WMF. Today the first organizations are still active but all WMF projects, bazaar etc., are carried out by the united WMF.

The program study on the TRAVELS OF PAUL proved interesting and worthwhile, the lessons being led by various members. For foreign missions our foreign mission secretary wrote to Dr. Restones, who is in charge of the Viladisa hospital in South Africa and on his suggestion made hospital gowns for adults and children, and sent gauze, toys, picture books, etc.

All babies baptised in our church were given memberships in the WMF Cradle Roll. All department programs were given and our women responded generously to the special offerings. We used mission boxes.

The Lenten service pageant, VOICES OF MISSION, was presented in the church for families and congregation. This was a very impressive service that we should like to recommend to others.

Mrs. A. Nygaard was our delegate at the National Convention at Minneapolis in June. A chartered bus took thirty women to the spring circuit meeting and three carloads went to Vancouver in the fall.

A special project was the raising of over a thousand dollars, by selling bricks, to build two fireplaces in our new church. The fireplaces are finished with enough money left to buy accessories.

One of our most successful bazaar was given last fall and netted over \$1600 in two days. This, like all of our bazaar money, was given to the building fund. It featured a buffet type of lunch, coffee and, fancy work of all kinds, toys, parcel post and mystery packages, plants, and a crocheted tablecloth that was sold for \$100. Other groups of the church had booths where cards, souvenir plates, and candy were sold.

In September we were happy to entertain our Circuit president, Mrs. Carl Hogness. We served congregational dinners.

Members of the Senior Guild were hostesses to the WMF for the Annual Christmas Party when gifts are brought for the Seamen's Mission and Farmland Children's Home. After a beautiful Christmas program and refreshments we marched around the Christmas tree and sang carols. It is good for the women of our church from twelve to eighty to join hands. And so we ended a busy, congenial, and blessed year's work in this service.

1953 STATISTICAL REPORT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT WMF
Credited to Budget

DISTRICT: Pacific
CIRCUIT: Columbia

Church (Society)	Pastor	Socie- ties	Member- ship	Mission- Box	Thank Offering	Self Denial	Cradle Roll	Educat- ion	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Charit- ies	Pensions	General Fund	Total
First Lutheran W.M.F. Astoria, Ore.	H. Storaasli	1	102	96.65	49.30	51.75	31.00							228.70
Bethel Lutheran Lad. Aid, Brush Prairie	O. Blomlie	1	30	16.63	11.60	15.95	17.00	25.00	20.00		20.00			126.18
Sunny Bethel Ladies' Aid, Cathlamet	S. Torvend	1	50	47.25	14.67	21.94	2.00							85.86
Chinook Luth. Aid, Chinook, Wn.	H. Storaasli	1	24	25.00	7.50	6.45								38.95
La Center WMF, La Center, Wn.	A. Aakre	(1)	(new	reception into Circuit on April 15, 1953)										
Emmanuel Lutheran WMF, Longview, Wn.	C. Larson	1	75	53.15	34.00	32.64	87.00		15.00	86.56	15.00			323.35
Milwaukie Ladies' Guild, Milwaukie	F. W. Eide	1	50	85.93	31.25	12.55	32.00		10.00		5.00			176.73
St. Luke's Ladies' Guild, Multnomah	A. Skindlov	1	43	36.00	13.00	14.00	12.00		5.00		5.00	57.00		142.00
Our Savior's Ladies' Guild, Oswego	W. H. Gentz	1	40	64.06	50.75	27.67	7.00							149.48
Bethlehem WMF, Portland, Oregon	L. Borgen	1	111	32.05	33.26	34.49	30.00		35.00	165.00	109.00	135.00		573.80
Central Ladies' Guild, Portland	A. Christianson	1	120	52.22	58.50	52.29	98.00		5.00	65.00			795.35	1126.36
Portsmouth L. Aid & Dorcas Soc. Portland	K. Egertson	2	60	82.39	27.87	34.00	10.00							154.26
Trinity Luth. Ladies' Guild, Vancouver	O. Vold	1	93	105.11	56.00	50.00	19.00		11.00	126.11				367.22
Totals This year		13	798	696.44	387.70	353.73	345.00	25.00	101.00	442.67	154.00	192.00	795.35	3492.89
Last year		12	781	589.15	256.64	339.20	163.20	151.12	575.40	229.67	229.66	25.00	10.06	2569.10

Not Credited To Budget

Societies	Grand Total	Member Fee	Life M. & I.M.	Local Expense	Box Work	Park. Home	Luth. St. Assoc.	Pen. Ingath.	American Bible	Luth. H. Self. E.	Special C. Pr.	D.F.F.	Gen. Con. Offering	Misc.	Total
Astoria	2125.55	10.00	20.00	1500.00	101.85	25.00		200.00			30.00		10.00		1896.85
Brush Prairie	170.85			34.67				10.00							44.67
Cathlamet	230.86	5.00	20.00	100.00		5.00					5.00			\$10 R.C.	145.00
Chinook	58.95								5.00			15.00			20.00
La Center (New)															
Longview	713.75	15.00	80.00	22.00	175.00	35.40		25.00			10.00		13.00	\$15 F.H.	390.40
Milwaukie	1294.73	6.00	20.00	935.00	32.00			100.00	10.00		10.00		5.00		1118.00
Multnomah	546.70			277.20	85.00					2.50	10.00		30.00		404.70
Oswego	529.43	7.20	10.00	355.75		7.00									379.95
Bethlehem	3193.39		50.00	2401.59					25.00			15.00	10.00	\$95 C.C.	2619.59
Central	4904.79	12.00	10.00	3616.43	75.00		10.00	10.00		5.00	20.00		10.00		3778.43
Portsmouth (Ladies' Aid & Dor.)	789.86	124.95	70.00	316.90	24.85		25.20			25.20	10.00	30.00		6.50 C.C.	635.60
Vancouver	1353.46	10.00	70.00	851.24	20.00					5.00	10.00		20.00		986.24
Totals This Year	15912.32	190.15	350.00	10410.78	513.70	72.40	35.20	345.00	50.00	25.20	17.50	60.00	98.00	\$126.50	12419.43
Last Year	14990.48	128.41	216.00	10426.42	789.10		30.00		30.00	100.	125.00	210.00	87.00	279.45	12421.38

(Grand Total: add both totals at extreme right)

1959

Women's Missionary Federation

Pacific District

SEVENTEENTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION



JUNE 8-10, 1953

PACIFIC LUTHERAN COLLEGE

PARKLAND, WASHINGTON

Mrs. Kvistad Heads Bethany Mission Work

The following officers will lead the First Lutheran Women's Missionary federation for the coming year: Mrs. Carl Kvistad, president; Mrs. B. Thomassen, vice-president; Mrs. Eric Hauke, secretary; and Mrs. P. Gagnet, treasurer.

At the election meeting Mrs. W. Hegstad gave the invocation and the Bible study "Symbolism of the Tabernacle" was presented by Mrs. John VanOsdol.

Committee reports were given by Mrs. D. Zeller, hospitality; Mrs. A. Stangland, foreign missions, and Mrs. Olga Henningsen, box work.

Members are invited to Bethany church on Thursday, 29th when a missionary from the Sudan will speak.

Anyone wishing to give clothing to the Lutheran World Action Relief is asked to leave articles at the church no later than Sunday, November 29.

An appeal for Bibles and books of Luke for South Korea was read from the American Bible society. The members voted to send a check for this.

Mrs. Margaret Lervick from the senior guild, invited the women to a Christmas party to be held at the church December 2, and those attending are asked to bring a child's gift, unwrapped, or a man's gift for the Seamen's home, or both.

Installation of the new officers will be held at the December meeting of the federation.

Hostesses for the past meeting were the Mesdames R. Rasmussen, N. Sagen, E. Sather, C. Siverson, A. Stangland, B. Stewart and H. Storaasli.

Mrs. Kvistad Is Mission Group Leader

The Women's Missionary Federation of the First Lutheran church installed Mrs. Carl Kvistad president at its December meeting held recently.

Those installed with her into office were Mrs. Bjarne Thomassen, vice-president; Mrs. Eric Hauke, secretary, and Mrs. Peter Gagnet, treasurer. Mrs. Hjalmer Storaasli was the installing officer.

The meeting's program, which followed, was led by two musical selections by the girls' chorus, directed by Mrs. Thomassen.

Mrs. Fred Christensen gave the Bible study of Moses taking the people to Mount Sinai, and Mrs. O. Wrausman presented "Moses, the Commandments and the Building of the Tabernacle." Mrs. Kvistad gave the closing chapter of the year's study, "We Behold God's Glory."

Mrs. A. Stangland, mission secretary, reported on foreign missions, asking members to each bring a washcloth for the mission box, at the next meeting.

Mrs. Phil Everitt, literature and reading chairman, gave her report, urging mothers to choose worthwhile reading for their families, and asked that all members subscribe to the church paper.

Refreshments were served by the Mesdames K. Varner, Thomassen, O. Thompson, O. Thorsness, P. Tolonen, J. Van Osdol and A. Tondel.

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Lutheran Women Brave Ice for Mission Meeting

There were 35 members at the First Lutheran Women's Missionary meeting held in the midst of the past week's ice and snow.

"The New Woman," based on James and John I, was the study program chosen for the year, and Mrs. David Zeller presented the first lesson, "Woman Is a Do-er."

Plans were made for a rummage sale to be held in the near future.

Hostesses for the evening were the Mesdames Chris Anderson, Melvin Hjorten, Arne Wahl, Charles Wooley, Oscar Wrausman and Andrew Honcharenko.

First Lutheran Missionary federation, 8 p. m., at church, instead of Wednesday, due to dedication of new Astor school addition. Bring washclothes for mission.

Missionary Club Hears Report on Work for Church

Feb-1954

Committee reports on furniture and equipment purchased for the new First Lutheran church by societies of the church were made at the meeting of the Women's Missionary federation Wednesday in the church parlors.

Members of the federation, however, do not work for their local church, but instead send boxes of clothing, hospital gowns, soap, wash cloths, toys books and Christmas tree ornaments to the children of the mission hospital in South Africa.

Mrs. Hjalmar Storaasli presented the evening's study, "The New Woman fulfills the Royal Law," and Mrs. Ed Hansen presented a program on Christian nurture.

At the close of the meeting, refreshments were served the 40 members and one guest, Mrs. Carl Kvistad's guest, Mrs. Ed Ross, visiting here from Evanston, Ill., by hostesses the Mesdames David Zeller, Alan Ahola, Steen Alsos, Lowell Altheide, Gerald Arrington and Kenneth Berg.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

ASTORIA OREGON

1954



Third Wed each month

Home Mission Work Cited at 1st Lutheran

March 17-1954

Mrs. Fred Hjorten, home mission secretary, presented a short program on the time and money spent on home mission work by the Women's Missionary federation of the First Lutheran church Wednesday evening.

Beside all the work done for foreign missions, the local society does much in aiding missions on the home front, and she cited examples of these.

Mrs. Carl Kvistad opened the meeting with a prayer and Mrs. Fred Christensen introduced the program. The scripture from the third chapter of James was read by Mrs. Ed Hansen, and the evening's study lessons, "The New Woman Bridles Her Tongue," was presented by Mrs. Elmer Hauke.

Numerous committees were appointed during the business meeting to purchase equipment needed to complete decorating and furnishing the social room and kitchen, and to do clean-up work in their new church.

At the close of the meeting, the 40 members present were served refreshments by the Mesdames Alan Bue, Emil Anderson, Axel Bernhoff, Charles Berry, Hans Bue and Myron Bue.

Missionaries Meet in New Church

The Women's Missionary Federation of the First Lutheran church met in the Friendship room of their new church Wednesday evening with a large turnout of members and guests present for the first meeting in the new social room.

Striking arrangements of pink rhododendrons and candelabra decorated the refreshment table and mantel.

The evening's program was under the leadership of Mrs. Fera Christensen. Mrs. E. Fornas read from the fifth chapter of James, and Mrs. O. Wrausman presented the study lesson, "The New Woman Realizes Faith is Shown by Conduct."

An impressive memorial service for the late member, Mrs. A. Kvistad, a faithful worker of the organization, was presented by Mrs. F. Christensen. Mrs. F. Hatley sang "In Heaven Above" and "Abide With Me," accompanied by Mrs. T. Pyle at the organ.

Mrs. Carl Kvistad, president, was in charge of the business meeting. Committee reports were given and a convention report by Mrs. E. Fornas and Mrs. Kvistad who attended the circuit convention at Brush Prairie, Wash. Other members who made the trip were the late Mrs. A. Kvistad, Mrs. J. Lervick, O. Wrausman, Eric Hauke and the Rev. Mr. Storaasli.

Mrs. Olga Henningsen was elected as a delegate to the national Women's Missionary Federation convention to be held in Minneapolis in June. Mrs. Petra Henningsen and Mrs. O'Lydia Niemi will also attend.

At the close of the meeting, a "Life Membership and In Memoriam" skit was presented by Mrs. Wrausman, assisted by Mrs. P. Gagnet, H. Storaasli and Olga Henningsen.

Hostesses were the Mesdames T. Tetli, E. Fornas, E. Forseth, E. Frestad, J. Fremstad and P. Gjovik.

Mar. 17, 1954

Ladies Enjoy Day At Brush Prairie

By Mrs. Hazel Walker

BRUSH PRAIRIE, Wash. (ELC) —Two hundred women of the Columbia Circuit gathered at Bethel Lutheran Church, O. K. Blomellie, pastor, on April 27, for their third spring Women's Missionary Federation convention. A beautiful day greeted the ladies as they drove to the white country church with its tall steeple and cross. Many were reminded of the church they attended as a child.

Following the welcoming address and a short business meeting, the morning session was climaxed with a Bible study based on the book of James by Mrs. F. W. Elde, Milwaukie. She urged "Feed on God's words daily, not only on Sundays; we must be His witnesses."

Hear Missionary

Dr. Rolph Bolstad, missionary doctor from Manambaro, Madagascar, brought a message at the afternoon session. He showed articles the natives had made, such as baskets, shawls and rug mats. He told of living conditions of these people and stated how important the hospital is. The women of the WMF have given many thousands of dollars to build a hospital in Ft. Dauphin, Madagascar. He said the hospital now needs linens and equipment. An offering was presented to the hospital.

Scholarship Awarded

The WMF scholarship, which goes to a deserving Lutheran student of the Columbia Circuit, who plans to attend Pacific Lutheran College, was awarded to Virgil Anderson of Multnomah.

The meeting closed with several selections sung by the Choral Union, directed by Edna Jensen, Portland.

Officers of the circuit are: president, Mrs. Otto Munson, Portland; vice president, Mrs. Glenn Nelson, Portland; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. H. Anderson, Vancouver. The district president, Mrs. J. R. Tobiason, Longview, was also in attendance.

The fall workshop will be held at Central Lutheran Church, Portland.

The 3rd Spring Convention
of the
COLUMBIA CIRCUIT
WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION



- HYMN SHEET -

THEME: "THE CHRISTIAN WOMAN"

TEXT: II COR. 5:17 and II Cor. 6:17

April 27, 1954

Bethel Lutheran Church
Brush Prairie, Wn.

- Pastor O.K. Blomlie -



April 27, 1954

The Better Part

3rd Spring Convention
COLUMBIA CIRCUIT W.M.F.
Bethel Lutheran Church, Brush Prairie, Wn.
- Pastor O.K. Blomlie -

Formal Opening Sunday



Members of the congregation of First Lutheran church were busy today getting the new building at 33rd and Grand ready for occupancy Sunday, when first services will be held there. Above, a view of the front of the new structure. Below, the Rev. Hjalmer Storaasli, pastor, stands in the interior of the main auditorium, which is finished in a wealth of handsome wood panelling. Pews are in place, but a cross to go above the altar had not yet been installed when the picture was taken, and workmen were still engaged on several unfinished last-minute tasks. (A-B Photos)



First Lutheran Church Formal Opening Scheduled Sunday

The nearly - completed First Lutheran church at 33rd and Grand will be formally opened Palm Sunday, April 10, when a worship service is scheduled at 11 a.m., and a Sunday school vesper service at 4 p.m.

Dedication of the new edifice, under construction since November, 1951, will be held in the fall after Sunday school and social sessions in the lower stage are completed, the Rev. H. Storaasli, pastor, stated.

The frame building, 101 by 40 feet, is appraised at \$115,000 and was entirely financed within the church membership, the Rev. Storaasli said. The sanctuary will seat 250 with overflow sections to accommodate an additional 100. Oak, mahogany and birch are used in the sanctuary, while the Sunday school sections will be finished in birch and gumwood.

The completed building will contain 11 Sunday school rooms, and two large assembly rooms, one with a fireplace, in the cement basement. A large organizational room on the main floor

will also incorporate a fireplace. A central heating plant has been installed and landscaping of the 220 by 100 lot is planned.

An electronic organ and new pews are in place in the sanctuary for the formal opening on Palm Sunday. On Easter Sunday two services will be held at 9:30 and 11 a.m., the Rev. Storaasli announced.

Last services in the old church, at 29th and G, will be held April 4 to the Revell to a building constructed in the past. The old building is the third oldest on the Pacific coast of the Evangelical Lutheran church. The church organization was the outgrowth of the work of the Rev. M. Christensen, who began mission work in Astoria in 1876. The congregation was incorporated in 1884.



George W. Morrison
 Mrs. F. L. Loring, Hilda Thompson, Thomas
 Mackenzie, Kristine

1st Meeting in New Church.

First - Mrs. L. Thompson, Mrs. F. L. Loring, Hilda Thompson, Thomas Mackenzie, Kristine
 Row 2 - Mrs. L. Thompson, Mrs. F. L. Loring, Hilda Thompson, Thomas Mackenzie, Kristine
 Mrs. Loring - Mrs. L. Thompson, Mrs. F. L. Loring, Hilda Thompson, Thomas Mackenzie, Kristine
 Francis G. Loring, Hilda Thompson, Thomas Mackenzie, Kristine
 Row 3 - Mrs. L. Thompson, Mrs. F. L. Loring, Hilda Thompson, Thomas Mackenzie, Kristine
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Women at first meeting
 of N.M.F. in new church

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 Row 5 - Mrs. L. Thompson, Mrs. F. L. Loring, Hilda Thompson, Thomas Mackenzie, Kristine

Hostesses - first N.M.F.
 meeting in new church.

Mrs. L. Thompson, Mrs. F. L. Loring, Hilda Thompson, Thomas Mackenzie, Kristine
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N.M.F.

Missionaries Announce Bazaar Dates

July.

The Womens Missionary Federation of First Lutheran met July 21 in the Friendship room of the church. Mrs. Olga Henningsen, in the absence of the president, presided at the meeting.

The evening's program began with a scripture reading by Miss Frances Gustafson, followed by the study lesson, "The New Woman Abides in Christ", presented by Miss Jessie Miller.

The bazaar committee announced the dates November 18 and 19 for the annual fall bazaar to be held in the basement of the new church.

Mrs. Olga Henningsen gave a very interesting report on the National Women's Missionary federation convention held in Minneapolis in June. Mrs. Henningsen was a delegate from the local federation, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Petra Henningsen and Mrs. O'Lydia Niemi.

Three thousand women delegates were registered with 1700 members taking part in the communion service held during the convention.

At the close of the meeting, refreshments were served by the following hostesses: the Mesdames Mrs. Ed. Hansen, Fred Harrestad, Frank Hatley, Elmer Hauke, Olga Henningsen, Eric Hauke.

Guests introduced at the meeting were: Mrs. A. Widner, and Mrs. O. Sæber from Calgary, Canada; Mrs. J. Thompson and Miss Margaret Nielsen, Portland; and Mrs. O. Thompson, Astoria.



Greetings



GENERAL CONVENTION JUNE 9-11, 1954



f my people...skall turn...

I will hear... II CHRON 7:14

Missionaries Plan Fall Work Days, Dedication Fete

Women's Missionary federation of First Lutheran church met Wednesday evening in the Friendship room.

The scripture reading taken from 1st John, was given by Mrs. Signe Gagnet, and Mrs. Olga Henningsen presented the evening's study lesson, "The New Woman Believes and Loves."

During the business meeting, standing committee reports were given, and work days and nights were given, and work days and nights were set to make ready for the dedication services to be held in September.

As foreign mission secretary, Mrs. Frank Hatley gave an interesting report on the Hlabisa hospital in South Africa, which is one of the Evangelical Lutheran churches foreign missions.

At the close of the meeting, refreshments were served by the Mesdames Fred Hjorten, Petra Henningsen, Ed Hjorten, Leonard Johnson and Ragnold Johnson.

Columbia L.L. Ladies Plan Fall Workshop



MRS. OTTO MUNSON

PORTLAND (ELC) — The fourth annual workshop-convention of the Columbia Circuit WMF will be held Friday, Oct. 15, at Central Lutheran Church, the Rev. Arne Christianson, pastor.

Mrs. Otto Munson, circuit president, will preside over the two sessions. Alice Sanne, WMF executive secretary, will be guest speaker. There for the workshop-convention will be Romans 10:1 "My Heart's Desire."

Mrs. Elloidd Walker, circuit promotion secretary, states that the general board urges all societies to start making plans for convention and department secretarships. Every-
at 9 A.M. Nurs-
provided.

WMF Leader to Visit Circuit Conventions



ALICE SANNE

LONGVIEW, Wash., (ELC) — Mrs. J. R. Tobiason, president of the Pacific District WMF, announces that Alice Sanne, executive secretary of the WMF with headquarters in Minneapolis, will be the guest speaker at all circuit conventions held in the district during October. The district leader states that Miss Sanne has an unusual ability to inspire her audience with her message. She will speak on the convention theme: "My Heart's Desire," based on Romans 10:1.

The conventions scheduled are the following:

October 12

Eastern Oregon Circuit at Klamath Church, 1175 Crescent St., Klamath Falls, Ore., K. E. Spaulding, pastor.

October 14

Willamette Circuit at Faith Church, 905 West 18th, Albany, Ore., W. L. Ellickson, pastor.

October 15

Columbia Circuit at Central Church, N. E. 21st and Schuyler, Portland, Arne Christianson, pastor.

October 19

North Puget Sound Circuit at Shepherd of the Hills Church, Concrete, Wash., Morris A. Thompson, pastor.

October 26

South Puget Sound Circuit at Immanuel Church, Pontius Ave. and Thomas St., Seattle, H. A. Stub, pastor.

October 23

Mid-Columbia Circuit at First Lutheran Church, 11th and Main, Portland, Ore., Arne Christianson, pastor.

Oregonian - Sep. 8, 1954

Lutheran Women to Attend Regional Meet in Seattle

Several Oregon women will be in Seattle Thursday and Friday for the annual board meeting of the Pacific district of the Women's Missionary Federation of the Evangelical Lutheran church to be held at the Lutheran Bible institute in Seattle.

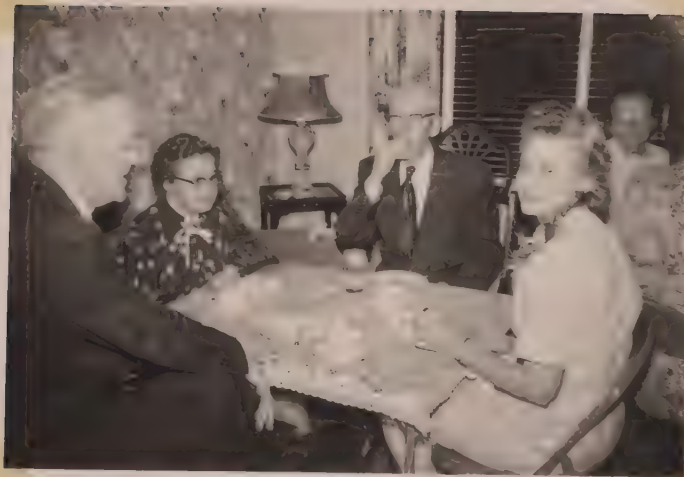
Among the Oregonians attending will be Mrs. K. G. Egerton, Portland, second vice president of the district organization; Mrs. Otto Munson, Portland, president of its Columbia circuit; Mrs. F. W. Eide, Milwaukie, promotion secretary for the district; Mrs. O. G. Haaasen, Prineville, Christian nurture secretary; Mrs. Arnold Nelson, Silverton, life membership secretary; Mrs. James Phillips, Silverton, president of the Willamette circuit.

Mrs. J. R. Tobiason, Portland, president of the Pacific District WMF, will preside over the two sessions.

view, Wash., president of the district, will conduct the meeting at which plans will be made for the 18th biennial convention in June and for the service projects to be undertaken during the fall and winter by the 150 women's groups included in the Pacific district.

Included on the agenda will be discussion of the Sudan mission advance for which a goal of \$51,000 has been set. This project has special appeal for Pacific district women because two pastors, Rev. Bob Martenson, Milwaukie, and Rev. Ernest Johnson, Seattle, expect to be serving soon in that area of West Africa.

Special attention also will be paid to the 40th anniversary of the Lutheran Bible institute, to be observed October 10, and to the Pacific Lutheran college's 80th anniversary October 14.



Rev.Theo. P. Neste & Mrs. Neste
Rev. Hjalmar Storaasli & Mrs. Storaasli
Mrs. P Henningsen in background.
Sept. 1954

Taken at Margaret Lervick's home.

Attend Dedication Sept. 26-1937



500 Dedicate First Lutheran Church Plant

More than 500 people thronged First Lutheran church's new plant at 33rd and Grand Sunday afternoon for dedicatory services.

They heard Dr. H. L. Foss, Seattle, president of Pacific district of the church synod, preach the dedicatory sermon in which he congratulated the congregation for its courage in the dedication and opportunity which enabled it to make a \$125,000 investment in the new church plant.

They heard church leaders, including several former pastors of the local church, bring greetings along with civic leaders here.

These included Mayor P. G. Cosovich, who thanked the congregation for providing Astoria with a new temple of worship, and declared that in his official capacity he has always realized the benefit to the citizens of church affiliations.

The Rev. Clyde Woods, president of Astoria Ministerial association, brought the greetings and congratulations of that group.

Pastors Theodore Neste, Anacosta, Mont., and Leonard Kutz, Seattle, former pastors of First Lutheran, also brought greetings, as did Pastors F. L. Erickson, I. Raview, Dr. Carl



More than 500 people attended dedicatory services for the new First Lutheran church Sunday. Above, some of the congregation gathers outside the church following the services. Below, Dr. H. L. Foss, Pacific district president of the church synod, delivers the dedicatory sermon. (Photo)

Service of Dedication
Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity
September 26, 1954



First Lutheran Church
33rd and Grand
Astoria, Oregon

H. Storaasli, Pastor



October 15, 1954

Needed: The Washing of Regeneration

4th Fall Convention

COLUMBIA CIRCUIT W.M.F.

Central Lutheran Church, Portland
- Pastor A. Christianson -

"IF YE ABIDE IN ME AND MY WORDS ABIDE IN YOU,
YE SHALL ASK WHAT YE WILL, AND IT SHALL BE
DONE UNTO YOU". John 15:7

The Women's Missionary Federation of the First Lutheran Church,
Astoria, Oregon, held its 1951-52 Pacific Northwest Area District Convention.

The present year's biennial convention was scheduled on June 24,
1951 by Mrs. Olga Henningson.

Spending its time the missionary, educational and convalescent work of
the women had been carried on independently by each of these organizations:
The Ladies' Aid, Ladies Guild and the Christian Guild.

The following officers served during 1951: President, Mrs. Carl
Lindberg; Vice President, Mrs. James Thompson; Secretary, Mrs. Ole Decker;
Treasurer, Mrs. Peter Gagnon.

The study program for the year was "The New Testament" based on James
and John I.

Gifts of clothing, household goods, toys, books, etc., were
sent to the children of the mission hospital
in South Africa.

Some missions were also given much aid.

A musical service was given to pay for a blind woman, the late
Mrs. Anton Kvistad.

All district conventions were attended by very numbers.

Mrs. Olga Henningson who was our delegate to the 1951 Women's
Missionary Convention in Minneapolis, found that was very interesting
experience.

Returning, immediately, was the annual meeting of our own
church on June 24, 1951. This was the conclusion on September 22,
1951.

The presence of Luther and visiting members was a great inspiration.

A thank and praise were followed the conclusion.

A beautiful a very successful service and dinner was given. The
presence of which was toward the late retirement of the women.

The year concluded with a delightful Christmas party for the
women's missionary federation given by the women's aid.

Respectfully submitted,

Johnanna L. Nelson
Local Historian

STATISTICAL REPORT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT WIF
Credited to Budget

DISTRICT: Pacific
CIRCUIT: Columbia

- Year of 1953 -

Church (Society)	Pastor	Socie- ties	Member- ship	Mission Box	Thank Offering	Self Denial	Cradle Roll	Educational	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Charit- ies	Pensions	General Fund	Total
First Lutheran WMF, Astoria, Ore.	H. Storaasli	1	75	115.86	60.20	50.20	23.00	14.20	25.00	50.00	168.00			506.46
Bethel Luth. Lad. Aid, Brush Prairie, Wn.	O. Blomlie	1	30	19.05	13.95	20.90								53.90
Sunny Bethel Ladies' Aid, Cathlamet, Wn.	S. Torvend	1	50	35.41	14.27	14.47				9.00				73.15
Chinook Luth. Aid, Chinook, Wn.	H. Storaasli	1	28	24.11	12.15	16.00		41.22	31.68	31.69	5.88	12.25		174.98
Highland Ladies' Aid, La Center, Wn.	A. Aalre	1	16											
Emmanuel Lutheran WMF, Longview, Wn.	C. Larson	1	75	55.86	41.47	61.17	40.00			32.55				234.05
Milwaukie Ladies' Guild, Milwaukie, Ore.	F. W. Bide	1	50	118.71	40.00	23.50	30.00				50.00	10.00		272.21
St. Luke's Ladies' Guild, Multnomah,	A. Skindlov	1	43	43.43	7.59	10.61	6.00		5.00	85.00	50.00	63.33		270.96
Our Savior's Ladies' Guild, Oswego, Ore.	W. Gentz	1	51	88.15	47.22	57.80	16.00							209.17
Bethlehem WMF, Portland, Oregon	L. Borgen	1	113	67.02	44.42	40.35	40.00		25.00	180.00	115.00			511.79
Central Ladies' Guild, Portland, Ore.	A. Christianson	1	120	73.45	48.20	63.97	50.00						966.72	1202.34
Portsmouth L. Aid & Dorcas, Portland, Ore.	K. F. Jorgenson	2	65	58.00	32.61	35.37	22.00							147.98
Trinity Luth. Ladies' Guild, Vancouver, Wn.	O. Vold	1	95	114.69	35.03	52.03	44.00		25.00	75.00	60.00			405.75
Totals (This Year)		14	811	813.74	397.11	449.37	271.00	55.42	111.68	463.24	148.88	85.58	966.72	4032.74
(Last Year)		13	798	696.44	387.70	353.73	345.00	25.00	101.00	442.67	154.00	192.00	795.35	3492.89

Not Credited to Budget

Societies	Member- Fee	Life & I. M.	Local Expense	Box Work	Luth. W. A.	Pension Ingath.	Padag. Hosp.	Luth. Welf.	Misc.*	Total	Grand Total	Misc.* (Disbursements)
Astoria	7.50	30.00	2592.19	168.					65.00	2862.69	3369.15	Cir. Off. \$30; DFF \$15; Dist. Off. \$10.00; Bibles for Japan \$10
Brush Prairie		10.00	410.85						30.00	450.85	504.75	L. C. Foss Home \$5; Josephine Home \$5; Seaman's Mission \$10; Cir. Off. \$10.
Cathlamet	5.00		539.73						30.00	574.73	647.88	Con. Off. \$25; American Bible Soc. \$5.
Chinook	2.80		500.00							502.80	677.78	
La Center			253.00	30.						283.00	283.00	
Longview	15.00	20.00	612.70	137.					121.00	905.70	1139.75	Cir. Off. \$36; Am. Bibl. \$15; Jos. Home \$15; L. C. Foss \$25; Zion Soc. \$15; Seaman's Mission \$15.
Milwaukie	6.00	20.00	1750.56						50.00	1826.56	2098.77	Service Men's gifts \$25; Am. Bible \$25.
Multnomah	4.30		407.53	55.					87.00	553.83	824.79	Del. to Youth L'drship School \$22; Am. Bible \$5; L.S.A. \$25; Jos. Home \$10; Conv. Off. \$25.
Oswego	10.00		111.86						79.12	200.98	410.15	L.S.A. \$8; DFF \$15; Luth. League Del. \$31.12; Dist. Conv. Off. \$10; Cir. Off. \$15.
Bethlehem	11.30	70.00	1657.40	39.05					215.90	1993.65	2505.44	Cir. Off. \$25; Dist. Off. \$10; DFF \$15; Del. Exp. \$17; Camp Colton \$40; L. C. Foss \$50; Am. Bib. \$25; Cir. & Dist. Love Off. \$33.90

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ATTENTION:

Will you, please, keep this Statistical Report in your files?
It will help you next January in filling out your triplicate
cards... Particularly under Misc.* (Disbursements)

Societies	Member Fee	Life M. \$ L. L.	Local Expense	Box Work	Luth. Pension W. A. Ingath.	Adag. Hosp.	Luth. Welf.	Misc.*	Total	Grand Total	Misc.* (Disbursements)
Central	12.00	30.00	2516.29	100.	450.			190.04	3298.33	4500.67	L.S.A. \$10; Seam's Miss. \$10; Port. Ch. Home \$25; Cir. Off. \$25; Dist. Off. \$10; Am. Bib. \$10; Zion Soc. \$5; DFF \$15; Youth Work \$50; Gradle Roll Lit. \$30.04
Portsmouth Ladies' Aid & Dorcas Soc.	6.00	40.00	1557.07	75.			29.75	179.95	1887.77	2035.75	Cir. Off. \$25; Dist. Off. \$15; Camp Colton \$18; DFF \$15; Park Ch. Home 10; Am. \$10; Bible Woman \$5; Book Miss. \$5; L.S.A. \$29.75; League \$15; Loc. Charity \$32.20
Vancouver	10.00	90.00	624.60					336.16	1060.76	1466.51	Am. Bible 120 Cir. Off. \$50; Dist. Off. \$5; L.C. Foss. \$56.96 Leag. Del. to Nat'l Conv. \$145; Camp Colton \$59.40
Total (This Year)	89.90	310.00	13533.78	604.05	450.		29.75	1304.17	1401.65	20464.39	
(Last Year)	120.15	350.00	10410.78	513.70	345.00		25.20	504.60	12412.43	15912.32	

Mission Group Is Planning for Church Bazaar

Plans for the church bazaar to be held November 18 and 19 were discussed in the new church auditorium by Women's Missionary Federation of the First Lutheran church Wednesday evening in the Friendship room of the church.

The study program for the evening was presented by Mrs. Ferd Christensen and Mrs. Frank Johnson presented the thank-offering program. She announced that envelopes would be mailed to all members before the November meeting.

The Rev. H. Storaasli and 10 members of the federation attended the Columbia circuit fall convention at the Central Lutheran church last week in Portland. A round-table discussion of the convention happenings was held by the Mesdames Phil Everett, Frank Hatley, Oscar Wrausman, Pete Gagnet, Ed Hjorten, H. J. Storaasli, Carl Kvistad, Olga Henningsen and Anna Thompson.

At the close of the meeting, refreshments were served from a Halloween decorated table by the Mesdames Margaret Lervick, Ben Lien, Hans Loyvold, Even Lund, Ann Peterson and Miss Jessie Miller.

Oct. 20, 1954

Mrs. C. Kvistad Heads Lutheran Mission Group

Mrs. Carl Kvistad was elected president of the Women's Federation of the First Lutheran church at a recent meeting.

Mrs. E. Forness is the new vice-president; Mrs. Phillip Everett, secretary, and Mrs. Peter Gagnet, treasurer.

The Senior guild of the church extended an invitation to all women of the church to attend the annual Christmas party Wednesday. Members are to bring gifts for the Seamen's mission in Seattle and for the children's home in Parkland, Wash. There will be a program and refreshments.

The Rev. H. Storaasli led the devotions at the past meeting, and hostesses were the Mesdames Robert Moon, A. Lyster, A. Nygaard, Chriss Ness, A. Ness and Johanna Nielsen.

First Lutheran Fall Fair Dinner Set This Week

"All You Can Eat" is the slogan for the dinner the women of the First Lutheran church are planning in conjunction with their annual "fall fair" Thursday from 5-7 p. m. in the church basement at 33d and Grande avenue.

Norwegian fish balls, meat balls and home-made breads are some of a few of the attractions on the menu.

The bazaar will be held two days, Friday and Saturday, when a variety of hand-made articles will be offered for sale from booths decorated for the occasion. Lunch will be served both days from 11 a. m. until 2 p. m. Coffee and will be available at any time.

The proceeds from this two-day event will go toward the debt retirement of the new church.

1955

MISSIONARY CONVENTION DATE IS CORRECTED

The First Lutheran Women's Missionary federation convention for Columbia circuit will be held here March 29 and not the 24th, as previously stated.

Circuit WMF Plans Trip to Astoria

By Mrs. Elloid Walker

ASTORIA, Ore., (ELC)—The fourth spring convention of the Columbia Circuit will be held Tuesday, March 29, at First Lutheran Church, 33rd and Grand Ave., the Rev. H. Storaasli, pastor. The theme will be "Built on a Rock," based on Luke 6:48.

Guest speaker will be Bernice Boyum, ELC missionary to Japan, who returned to the U. S. this month on furlough after five years on the field. She will be introduced by Mrs. Otto Munson, circuit WMF president. Miss Boyum will speak at the afternoon session following numbers by the circuit choral group, directed by Mrs. Agnes Carlson Peterson of Newberg.

Included in the morning program will be devotions by Mrs. H. Storaasli, Astoria; welcome by Mrs. C. Kvistad, Astoria WMF president; response by Mrs. Glenn Nelson of Portland, circuit vice president; and greetings by Mrs. J. R. Tobiason of Longview, Pacific District president. The Rev. A. W. Nelson of Silverton will speak on the Oregon Lutheran Refugee Service.

Buses Chartered

Portland women are chartering buses for the Astoria convention. Buses may be boarded at Portsmouth Trinity Church, 712 No. Portsmouth Ave., at 6:30 A.M. or at Central Bus Depot at 7 A.M. Round trip fare will be \$3. For more details, contact Mrs. Glenn Nelson, Office 6-1411.

Lutheran Mission Conclave to Be Held Here Soon

The Columbia circuit spring convention of the Women's Lutheran Missionary federation will be held at the First Lutheran church here March 29.

This announcement interested members of the First Lutheran Senior guild when they met at Mrs. Ole Englund's Wednesday evening.

Miss Bernice Boyum, Lutheran missionary, who will arrive soon from the mission fields in Japan, will be the main speaker at the convention, they were told.

Mrs. Charles Berry led the evening's devotions, and the study lesson taken from the book, "Great Women of the Bible," was presented by Mrs. Eric Hauke.

Mrs. Margaret Lervick, committee chairman, announced that the recent home-baked food sale was a big success.

At the close of the meeting, refreshments were served to the 29 members and three guests.

Mrs. Frank Hatley will be hostess for the April meeting.

Lutheran Women Plan for Circuit Convention Here

Final plans for the annual convention of Columbia circuit Womens Missionary federation of the Evangelical Lutheran church were completed by the women of the First Lutheran church at their meeting Wednesday at the church.

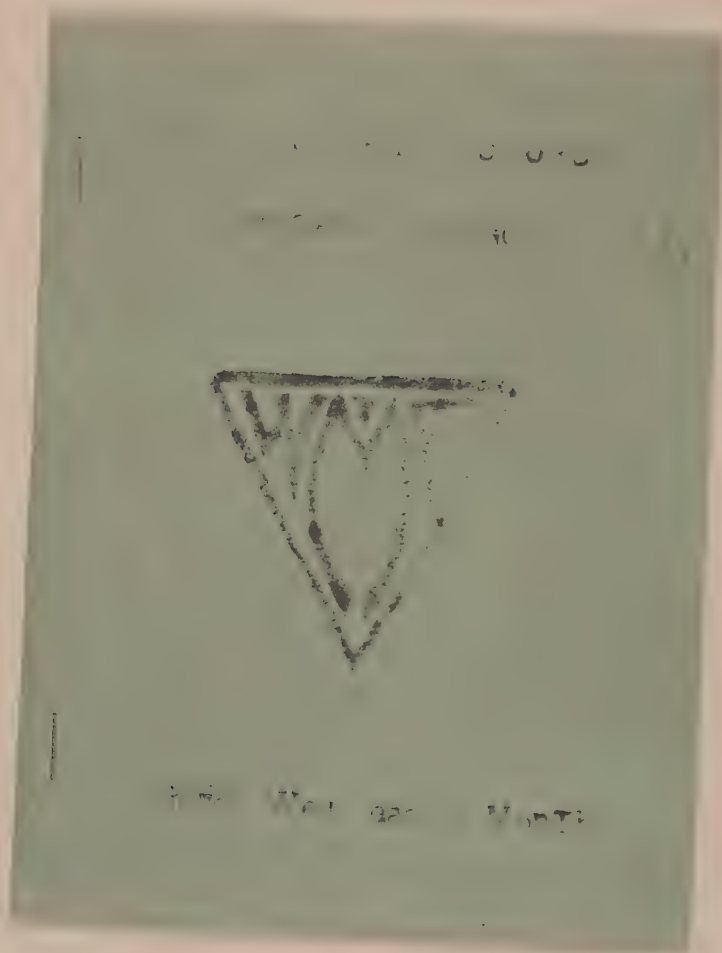
The convention will be held here March 24, and a large number of delegates and guests from the 13 churches in the circuit are expected to attend the first session to be held in the new church building.

The motif of the first all-day meeting will be Japanese, in honor of Miss Bernice Boyum, missionary from Japan, who will arrive in the US just a few days before her appearance here as featured speaker.

Mrs. Fred Christiansen presented the third of the series of studies of the book of Luke and Mrs. A. R. Goldie gave a report on the progress of the mission work in South Africa, in which the local organization is especially interested, as they have been sending clothing toys and other articles to one of the mission hospitals there.

Mrs. Audry Honcharenko and Mrs. Myron Bue were elected to serve as the local delegates for the convention.

Hostess for the evening were the Mesdames Anna Thompson, A. B. Thoresness, Paul Tolonen, Ole Tvedel, John Van Osdol and Kenneth Varner.



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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Astoria

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Under the very able leadership of our Program committee, the women of First Lutheran studied the Gospel of Luke as outlined by the WMF Series.

We were very happy to entertain Columbia Circuit in Spring Convention. Two delegates and several members attended Pacific District Convention and the Fall Circuit Convention. During the year, the Aid honored seven of its members with the presentation of Life Membership pins. The Alderbrook Guild gave a party for Old Folk in the hospital, and gave food and clothing to needy families. The Sr. Guild gave a Christmas party for the women of the Church when gifts and monetary contributions were brought for Parkland Children's Home. Gifts were also brought for the Seamen's Center.

We were happy to take part in Pacific Districts project of renovating at the Children's Home. A gift was sent to the American Bible Society. We were happy to reduce First Lutheran's indebtedness by \$2390.00.

Twenty-four children were enrolled in Cradle Roll. Our hospitality committee brought cheer to the bereaved and shut-ins.

Mrs. Carl J. Kvistad, Pres. 1955

BETHLEHEM

During the past year, the members of the Bethlehem WMF have studied about Jesus, Savior of Sinners. This we did at our Circle meetings, studying the Book of Luke as outlined in the Messenger. Each woman in our group receives the Messenger.

As "doers of the Word, not hearers only," we have given of our time and offerings for God's work. Each month we have served a dinner for the Brotherhood. We have furnished flowers for the Church each Sunday for Worship Services, and we

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First Norwegian Lutheran Church
CORNER GRAND AVENUE AND 29th STREET
ASTORIA, OREGON



Rev. M. A. Christensen, Pastor

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Treasurer: M. Holthe

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Financial Secretary: A. Indergaard

Church Warden: A. Kvistad

Organist: Miss Hilda Olsen

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES

Ladies' Aid

Girls' Guild

Luther League

Church Choir

Girls' Junior Chorus

Sunday School and Bible Class

MONDAY, MARCH 1

Astoria Site Of Conclave

Church Women Slate Conclave

The spring convention of the Columbia circuit of the Women's Missionary Federation of the



Evangelical Lutheran church will be held Tuesday at the First Lutheran church in Astoria. Guest speaker for the session will be Miss Bernice Boyum, missionary to Japan, who has returned to the

Bernice Boyum United States on furlough this month after five years in the field. Miss Boyum has been in Tokyo during her entire service in Japan, working with students in the establishment of Sunday schools as well as in the evangelistic program of her church. She will speak Tuesday afternoon.

Others on Program

Speakers for the morning session will include Rev. A. W. Nelson, Silverton, who will talk on the Lutheran refugee service in Oregon. Greetings will be extended by Mrs. C. A. Krivstad, president of the Astoria branch of the missionary federation; Mrs. J. R. Tobiason, Longview, president of the Pacific district. Mrs. H. Storaasli, Astoria, wife of the pastor of the host church, will conduct the devotions.

Mrs. Otto Munson, Portland, president of the Columbia circuit, will conduct the meeting.

Mrs. Glenn Nelson, Portland, is in charge of transportation for Portland women who will attend. Chartered busses, she has announced, will leave Portsmouth Trinity church, 7119 N. Portsmouth avenue, at 9:30 a. m. the bus station at 7 a. m.

Speaker



Miss Bernice Boyum, missionary from Japan, will be speaker at the Columbia circuit Women's Missionary federation convention slated for Tuesday at the First Lutheran church, 33rd and Grand.



March 29, 1955

Needed: The Washing of Regeneration

4th Spring Convention
COLUMBIA CIRCUIT W.M.F.

First Lutheran Church, Astoria
Pastor • H. Storaasli

Registration - Mrs. F. Fremstad and Mrs. B. Thomassen
Coffee Hour - 9:00 to 9:45 A.M. Nursery provided

-- MORNING SESSION --

Prelude Miss Marian Fremstad
"A Monastery Evensong"-F. Leslie Calver
"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"-J.S. Bach

Hymn I -- Hymn Sheet

Devotions Mrs. H. Storaasli
Welcome Mrs. Kvistad, Astoria, WMF, Pres.
Response Mrs. G. Nelson, Cir. Vice-Pres.
"Our District WMF Convention" Mrs. J. R. Tobaison
Pacific District WMF President

Piano Solo Miss Gail Hauke
"Fifth Nocturne"-Leybach and "Hungarian March-Kowalski

BUSINESS SESSION

Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Roll Call, Introductions,
Appoint Credentials Committee, Election of Officers,
Distribution of offering: Recommendation of General
Board: "That the 4th Spring Columbia Circuit WMF offering
be divided between Japan Mission and the Sudan Mission
Advance after Project and Convention expenses are taken
out." Invitation for Fall Convention.

Hymn II -- Hymn Sheet

OREGON REFUGEE SERVICE

Pastor A. W. Nelson, Silverton, Oregon

Workshop Singing Mrs. Agnes Peterson, Newberg, Oreg.
"Alleluiah Christ Is Risen"
"I Love Thy Kingdom" - "We Thank Thee Lord"

Announcements

Closing Prayer Mrs. E. Storaasli
Postlude "Hosanna" by Paul Wachs
"Prelude and Fugue in C Major"-J.S. Bach

Pacific District WMF Convention-Parkland, June 7-9

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

12:00 Free-will

TABLE PRAYER: Be present at our table Lord,
Be here and everywhere adored,
These mercies bless and grant that we
May strengthened for Thy service be.

-- AFTERNOON SESSION --

Prelude Mrs. Perry Nordmark
"Echoes of Spring"-Rudolf Friml

Hymn III -- Hymn Sheet
Report of Credentials Committee

MESSAGE Miss Bernice Boyum, Japan

Vocal Duet Mrs. F. Hatley and Miss M. Pfeiffer
"The Ballad of Trees and The Master"-Chadwick
"The Holy Four"-T. Nevin

The Processional Offering "Were You There"
"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

The singing of the Workshop Choral Numbers.
Installation of Officers Mrs. J. Tobiason

Hymn IV -- Consecration Hymn

Announcements
Closing Prayer and Benediction Pastor Storaasli
Silent Prayer "Sweet Hour of Prayer"
Postlude "Carillon at Sunset"-C. Kohlmanns

We wish to express a SINCERE THANKS to Pastor and
Mrs. Storaasli and to the ladies of First Lutheran
WMF for their warm hospitality and for the privilege
of worshipping in their beautiful new Sanctuary.

9 O' Clock Prayer Hour

The 4th Spring Convention
of the

COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION

- HYMN SHEET -

THEME: "Build on The Rock"

TEXT: Luke 6:48

March 29, 1955

First Lutheran Church
Astoria, Oregon

- Pastor H. Storaasli -

1st Lutheran Church Sets Club Banquet

Planning for a banquet to be served for Astoria high school service club May 3 in the church dining room was among the highlights of a busy meeting of the First Lutheran church women's missionary federation Wednesday evening.

The federation decided to continue supporting its African mission and send clothing and educational gifts to a Japanese mission.

Members were asked to bring these items at the next federation meeting.

Mrs. Andy Honcharenko and Mrs. Myron Bue, convention delegates, gave reports, while Mrs. Olga Henningsen told about higher education in the church schools, especially Pacific Lutheran college at Parkland.

Mrs. Carl Kvistad, federal president, opened the meeting with a prayer, and Mrs. Hjalmar Storaasli opened the program with group singing. Mrs. Ellen Hansen did the Scripture reading, followed by group singing.

Mrs. Ferd Christensen presented the lesson, "Proclamation in Galilee, based on Luke 4. Mrs. Peter Gagnet read Scripture and gave a treasurer's report. Mrs. E. P. Everett, secretary, read the minutes, and Mrs. Grace Zeller, Mrs. Eric Hauke and Mrs. Myron Bue gave committee reports.

Coffee hour hostesses were Mrs. W. L. Wood, Mrs. O. Wrausman, Mrs. Arne Wahl, Mrs. Charles Woody, Mrs. Grace Zeller and Mrs. Alan Ahola.

Oregon Women to Assist

June 7-8-9-1955

Several Oregon women will be on the program at the 18th biennial convention of the Women's

Missionary federation of the Evangelical Lutheran church at Pacific Lutheran college, Parkland, Wash., Tuesday through Thursday, according to Mrs. Margaret Wall Elde of Milwaukie, promotion secretary of the federation's Pacific district.

Special guest at the convention will be Mrs. Oscar Bran-



Mrs. Branstad

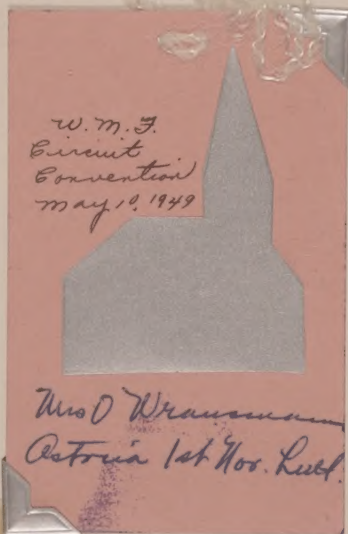
stad of Forest City, Ia., president of the church's General Women's Missionary federation. Mrs. Branstad will speak at a combined meeting for members of the federation and men of the Evangelical and the American Lutheran churches, whose conventions will be meeting simultaneously.

Oregon women scheduled to participate in the program include Mrs. Arnold Nelson, Silvertown; Mrs. O. G. Hiassen, Prineville; Mrs. Elde; Mrs. K. G. Egerton of Portland, district second vice president; Mrs. Joe Henningson of Astoria, third vice president; Mrs. Wesley Gregg and Mrs. Elloid Walker, both of Portland, and Mrs. Clifford Peterson, Newberg.

116 Links in Chain

Mrs. J. R. Tobiason of Tacoma is president of the district, which includes 116 local church groups. Three Oregon women—Mrs. Otto Munson, Portland; Mrs. M. D. Burchfield, Eugene, and Mrs. O. S. Gudmunson, Prineville, are presidents of circuits within the district.

Guest speakers besides Mrs. Branstad will be Dr. H. L. Foss of Seattle, president of the Pacific district of the Evangelical Lutheran church; Dr. Alvin Rogness, president of Luther Theological seminary, St. Paul, Minn.; Dr. Frederick A. Schlotz of Minneapolis, Minn., president of the Evangelical Lutheran church; Mrs. O. G. Malmin, Minneapolis, recently returned from Germany, and Rev. R. H. Rasmiller of Seattle, staff member of Lutheran Bible institute.



Circuit Convention
First Luth. Church
May 24 '55

